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Newsline

Breakfast with a smile

ALBANY — The friendliest Pancake Breakfast in the Bay Area will be served up May 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Blvd. Hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, country sausages, eggs and coffee are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children under 10. Children 3 and under eat free. Proceeds from the annual breakfast, sponsored by Friends of the Albany Seniors, will benefit the center furnishing program. For information call 524-9122.

Book talk

Author Jody Foss will present "The Sage Brush Trail" an account of her solo trek from Bend, Ore., to Virginia City, Nevada, accompanied by three mules, at the Sierra Club dinner May 27 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. The program will include a presentation and mule songs of the Old West. Dinner, \$13 including tax and tip, will be served at 7 p.m. following a social hour. Non-Sierra Club members are invited. For reservations call Thora Johnson, 482-3498.

Money discussion

ALBANY — The city council will hold a public hearing May 24 on the Master Fee Schedule, covering proposed raises in permit, license and other fees charged for city services. The council meets at 8 p.m. in the city hall chamber.

Trees gather

National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1282, meets May 25 at 1 p.m., at Albany Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.

Dr. Joplin speaks on the Elder Hostal Program at the River College.

Immunize now

Alameda County health officials are urging parents to take advantage of free immunizations being offered this month to protect their children against childhood diseases.

Barbara Allen, director of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Services for the county, says fewer than 50 percent of 2-year-olds in the county have had all the immunizations they need. It is believed the rate is even lower among low-income minority families.

Diseases such as measles and whooping cough are around and can cause serious illness in small children. Vaccinations are free during the month of May at certain community immunization sites. For information, call Sallie Melendez at 268-2672.

Officers installed

Bay Alumnae Panhellenic installed the following officers on May 14, at the Officers Club, 1000 Air Station: President, Janice Parker; Vice President, Gamma Phi Beta; Recording Secretary, El Cerrito, Kappa Delta; Recording Secretary, Barbara Swan, Alameda, Delta Zeta; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Dahlberg, Moraga, Gamma Phi Beta; and Treasurer, Tad Portwood, Albany, Alpha Phi.

Alternatives

Local officials and clean-air advocates are urging area motorists to give up their pollution-spewing vehicles one day this week in "Trit Transit Week," which began Monday. According to BART General Manager Frank Wilentz, "Trit Transit Week" is designed to emphasize the importance of underscoring its commitment to the community. Today's focus is on carpooling and Friday's theme will be the economic benefits of public transportation.

No budget relief in 1993-94

Is El Cerrito a safety agency or a full service city, Pokorny wonders

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — It's planning for two years at a time that keeps the city of El Cerrito from producing "crisis budgets," according to City Manager Gary Pokorny. For Pokorny, good planning means "staying ahead of the curve," and that's the way he likes it.

"My philosophy is that you (make cutbacks) ahead of the curve, early on," he says. "Then there are no crisis decisions to make. I don't believe in crisis management. Adoption of a two-year budget helps."

Over the last two years, there has been a 21 percent reduction in the city's work force. There are now 31 fewer city employees than there were in 1991-92. This has meant a reduction in services, Pokorny says, adding that the remaining staff members have, however,

worked harder to fill the gaps, keeping services at a higher level than might be expected.

Pokorny credits the City Council with its farsighted approach to issues that are turning city finances upside-down all over California.

While El Cerrito has had to make cutbacks, he says, "I think we're doing it in an orderly way."

This year, for example, six more positions had to be cut. But it didn't happen without warning. Because there was time to work with, Pokorny says, two positions were closed with retirements, two other employees were able to find outside jobs, knowing their El Cerrito positions were about to end. While two more people are scheduled for layoff on June 30, Pokorny still hopes they'll find other employment within the next few weeks.

The city manager also credits his staff with keeping El Cerrito functioning smoothly. When he introduced next year's budget proposal to the City Council at its meeting Monday night, he spoke enthusiastically in praise of El Cerrito city employees.

"I'm simultaneously pleased and troubled by the special contribution they are making to our city's

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City budget yields few spending surprises

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito's proposed budget this year doesn't hold many surprises, except perhaps in the lack of more severe cuts in staff and services.

The total budget for 1993-94 totals \$11,239,138. The figure is about \$88,000 higher than the budget adopted for 1992-93. However, the revised actual estimate for 1992-93 is significantly higher, totaling \$11,544,271.

The increase reflects higher costs than anticipated for community services, police, administrative services and "general government." Costs for fire services and community development were lower than anticipated.

The budget strategy for 1994-95 is looking toward a total combined figure of \$11,839,872. The city of El Cerrito currently aims for a two-year budget cycle.

General fund revenues for 1993-94 are

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City braces for state's budget bite

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The City Council sifted through a proposed two-year budget last Saturday morning with the sword of state cuts hanging over its head. The interim budget will be adopted at the June 14 council meeting to enable city spending until the state budget is passed and the magnitude of necessary cuts is known.

"The city continues to find itself at the financial mercy of the state," City Administrator John Nachbar told the council. Current rumors have the state transferring \$2.6 billion in local property taxes from cities, counties and special districts (e.g., AC Transit) to schools.

This could mean an estimated cut in city income this year of \$376,000 on the low end but could go as high as \$800,000, according to Nachbar.

The proposed 1993-94 budget, including all funds, projects a total of \$17,405,759 in revenue and \$19,245,139 in expenditures and \$16,444,687 revenue, \$15,322,877 expenditures in 1994-95.

General Fund

The general fund, "the heart of the city's operations," according to Nachbar, are unrestricted monies used to run the city day by day. About three-quarters of the general fund goes to "people services," well over half for the fire and police departments. About 10 percent is spent on recreation, 12 percent on general government and the rest on public works, planning, bookkeeping and insurance.

The major sources of general fund income are the property tax, sales tax, racetrack tax, business license tax and utility users tax. Sales tax revenue has dropped for \$1.2 million in 1990-91 to \$900,000 this year; racetrack revenues from \$738,000 to \$615,000 over the past four years.

General fund expenditures are projected to increase 2.15 percent in this year's budget and 3.94 percent next year. The beginning general fund balance this year is \$105,720.

Other Funds

Many city employees, projects and programs are

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You'd never know this Rotary crew wasn't just having a good time with the merry-go-round

Rotary Club lends city a hand with Memorial Park fix-it task

By Dave Greer

"The merry-go-round broke down And made the darndest sound"

Those words from the old pop tune, "The Merry-Go-Round," describe just what happened to the children's merry-go-round in Albany's Memorial Park earlier this year.

But today it is again carrying a load of happy youngsters after members of the Albany Rotary Club gave the Department of Public Works some helping hands one recent Saturday in assembling a new one.

Club members began bolting it together at 9 a.m. and finished up about noon by hoisting the 500-pound fun machine on to its new base on the southeast side of the tennis courts.

"This is the third time it's been broken," says Larry Garcia, Albany's Superintendent of Public Works. "The merry-go-round is only designed for little kids, so when you get a bunch of adult-sized people on it each one weighing maybe a 150 pounds

its just too much weight. The bearings top and bottom go and then you can just forget it."

The old concrete base had to be jack hammered out and a new one 18 inches deep and 42 inches square poured. It took Garcia and workers Jim Vargas and Mike Luoma about five hours to do the job.

"Oh what fun, what a wonderful time Finding love for only a dime"

So goes the bridge of the tune, but even with donated help and materials the city is paying a lot more to provide fun on this merry-go-round, about \$2,000 in fact. The unit cost \$1,631 and with a freight charge the total was \$1,983, Garcia said. The cement was donated by The Ransom Company which does the city's sidewalk repairs.

The seven men and one woman — Deirdre Wallace who will succeed Don Tennenbaum as Rotary Club president — went about the assembly job in high civic spirits and indeed appeared to be

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City Council will decide fate of camphor trees

By Dave Greer

Decision by the Park and Recreation Commission to allow the removal of two large camphor trees at the intersection of Carmel and Alameda avenues has been appealed to the City Council and will be heard Monday night's meeting.

The appeal was filed with Albany City Clerk Jacqueline Gaeta on Tuesday by a neighborhood group.

Gaeta, 1435 Portland Ave., is one of the leaders in the battle to remove the trees across from Memorial Park, charged that the city's removal policy "has a loophole that every street tree in the city can be dragged through it."

The precedent which will be set by the city, if the council upholds the commission's decision, is that any and every street

tree to be removed without conclusive evidence that removal of trees will cure allergy problems," Gaeta said.

He called for support from the community at the 8 o'clock City Council meeting, and urged citizens to express their opposition to destroying the trees directly to council members.

The "loophole" to which Gaeta referred is the allergy criteria added to the City Council Policy and Procedures for the removal of street trees in the January 1991 revision. The first test of the new policy came when Janet Sears of 1427 Portland Ave. claimed that she had become highly allergic to the two camphor trees on the Carmel Avenue side of her home.

The Public Works Department accepted an application for removal of the trees after Sears submitted a

statement from Dr. Jerome Kaufman of Berkeley that she was allergic to them. An appeal by neighbors to save the trees was rejected by a five to two vote in the second of two meetings last Thursday evening.

After much effort Public Works Department's Ron Lefler and Director of Recreation and Community Services Bill Jones managed to get a letter from Dr. Kaufman providing more information on the case as requested at the previous meeting.

But Mrs. Sears' attorney, Jean Hyams of the San Francisco law firm of Hyams and Hall, restricted the scope of information supplied by the doctor. And his letter only arrived on the day of the hearing, leaving commissioners little time in which to consider it.

Hyams, who represented Sears

at the turbulent meeting, stated in a letter to Albany City Attorney Robert Zwebe that the information was to be disclosed only to members of the commission and not be made part of the public record.

Although she withdrew this objection at the meeting and the letter was read aloud, tree defenders were outraged that they had no opportunity to study it beforehand. The announcement that Dr. Kaufman was "on vacation" through June 3 and so unable to provide any further information was greeted with derision by many in the audience.

"Why are we receiving this letter today when we asked for it a month ago?" Commissioner Matthew Rinaldi asked. "This is a disservice to the community." His charge that "Dr. Kaufman had prepared something else we have not been made privy to," was denied by

Hyams.

Rinaldi also said that, "A number of people had called and Mrs. Sears declined to take part in the mediation process with neighbors who object to the removal of the trees. Commissioner James Lindsey also found this 'disappointing.' Jean Hyams said she advised Janet Sears not to participate in the process as mediators would 'have no power to cut down the trees.'"

Dr. Kaufman's letter left a number of questions raised at the previous meeting unanswered and did nothing to ease fears that destruction of just two camphor trees would solve the problem when there were many more close by.

Dr. Kaufman's letter reads in part: "Mrs. Sears allergy stems in large degree, possibly even completely, from a reaction either to the

pollen or the volatile oil of the camphor trees, or a combination of the two sources. The fact that Mrs. Sears experiences allergic reactions to the trees during the non-pollinating season suggests that volatile oils are involved."

"If her reaction arises as a result of the volatile oils, the only treatment option is removal of the offending source. To my knowledge, no desensitization therapy exists for this sensitivity. If Mrs. Sears' reaction results from a pollen-related allergy, desensitization may be possible..."

"As I understand it, Mrs. Sears has requested removal of the two trees on the windward side of the property. While removal of the leeward trees in close proximity to the house might also be necessary, this conservative approach has a good

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Letters to the Editor

United for trees

Editor:

Tonight the Park and Recreation Commission, of which I am a member, voted to allow the removal of two camphor trees on the Sears' property. I believe this was the proper action, given her serious medical condition. However, speakers at the last two meetings raised several very important points that we must not miss.

1. The street tree policy that the city is currently operating under leaves much to be desired. When we on the commission recommended this policy to the City Council, little did we realize that it was too vaguely worked and did not adequately address legitimate concerns about the removal of mature trees. The commission voted 7-0 to reexamine this policy at our next meeting (Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Albany Senior Center—and everyone is invited).

2. There really are not enough trees in Albany, particularly street trees. Almost everyone knows how trees improve a neighborhood and a city. Many people in Albany are passionate about trees—which is great. We all benefit from their presence. We must find a way to dramatically increase the "forestation" of Albany.

3. The Albany Public Works department does not have the resources to properly maintain all of the street trees and the trees on public property. We must find a solution to this problem. One possibility would be for volunteers to be trained and licensed to supplement city workers. Another possibility would be for us to tax ourselves more, but I can't say I'm real thrilled about that idea...

4. The Commission and the City Council often feel like we do not have all of the information that we need to make the best possible decisions. This is not good. Yet decisions have to be made, so you do your best with the information at hand. It is not realistic to expect our excellent city staff to provide us with everything we'd like—there are only so many hours in the day, and they already have heavy workloads. But a research group and knowledge of how to get timely and accurate information would be enormously helpful.

I propose that we citizens of Albany form an "Albany Tree Foundation."

This foundation could take it upon itself to plant 1,000 trees in Albany by the year 2000. It could coordinate the training of volunteers to help properly maintain the trees we have. It could organize neighborhoods, service organizations and young people to help rake leaves for the elderly, the infirm and those with allergies.

It could do research and compile information helpful to forming the best possible public policies. It could do fund-raising, possibly including grant applications, to raise money for these projects.

I would facilitate the formation of this foundation. Are you interested? If so, call me at 527-8025—you'll probably get my answering machine, so just leave your name and number. When we have 20 or more interested people, I'll pull a meeting together. Maybe something really good could come out of this.

Jim Lindsay

Change needed

Editor:

Subject: AUSD superintendent's most recent alteration.

Questions:

1. Where are the letters to the editor—none sent, none printed?

2. Where is anyone's concern about violence in our schools?

3. Why did the police chief order that no one be arrested when the union president called for help?

4. Why would the *Chronicle* and *Trib* give more coverage to this than the *Journal*?

4. Are we all too intimidated by/uncomfortable with this matter to address it fully?

"Sue Taylor, an Albany parent, read aloud a letter she had written." (Winkelstein "AUSD Report" April 18 *Journal*). Darn tootin' I did: have had my own experience with this guy and called for his resignation/termination; asked in the meeting for the board to disclose all litigation/costs since he's been here; would like to see that figure compared to previous superintendents' tenures here.

Is the "great school/buy a house" (keep the prices up) syndrome just too pervasive for all of us to tackle this most recent evidence of an intolerable situation?

Or perhaps I can speak out because I removed my child to private school. I can speak up without fear.

This is not the first incident of this kind—the school board needs to investigate. There are too many really great school employees and a loving, concerned, hardworking community ready to pitch in when the schools need it, for this poor conduct to be swept under the rug.

We pay this employee about the same as the Berkeley superintendent—Albany has 2,000 students, Berkeley has 8,000 students. Are we really getting our money's worth or is this current employee riding on the backs of great parents, high property values and community support for schools?

The superintendent's current contract expires this year. It is time for a change. It is time to answer some hard questions which have been out there for some time. How about it, school board members? I voted for you because you represent me and the children of this community, not a hired employee with unacceptable conduct.

Sue R. Taylor

Job well done

The *Journal* received a copy of the following letter to Fire Chief Marc McGinn.

I just wanted to thank you and all of the guys at the station for the great education and safety/prevention programs you're doing. As you know, I just took advantage of having smoke detectors installed at my parents' (very large) house while they were on vacation. They never put them in before because they could not figure out where to install them, and how may. In the matter of an hour, Jim and Bill had seven of them installed, taking care to put them where they would be the least obtrusive. Thanks, guys.

Thanks also to Doug Crooks who came out to strap down their water heater. It isn't easy getting back to it (it's way in the back under the house,) but Doug had it done in no time at all.

I also took advantage of the CPR class Jim and Dustin taught city employees last year. (We enjoyed taking it in the station so we could see what you guys do all day!)

I have been hearing nothing but positive responses from Albany resident about these classes and safety programs.

As both a city employee and Albany resident, I am proud to have you all on our team serving the city, and you should be proud of the work you're doing.

Kim Denton

Tennis supporters

Editor:

Thank you for your May 6 article on El Cerrito tennis. The Park and Recreation problem, as exemplified by the lack of tennis court maintenance, is just another Prop 13 fallout, 16 years later.

The "El Cerrito Tennis Association" is actually the "El Cerrito Tennis Club." I'm honored to be its President.

A minor point, but the Club is donating \$2,500 to the Court Improvement Association without any restrictions.

We don't expect "a matching fund" from the city. What we do expect, before we make a further substantial commitment, is that the City return some of the \$20,000 plus court rental fees it receives each year to maintaining the courts in at least a minimal manner.

A "decad fee" seems to be an unlikely solution, unless the decal owner receives a discount or some other incentive.

Recently we made arrangements to buy new nets for the high school.

That action prompted someone at the city or school district to realize the school already had new nets. They have now been installed.

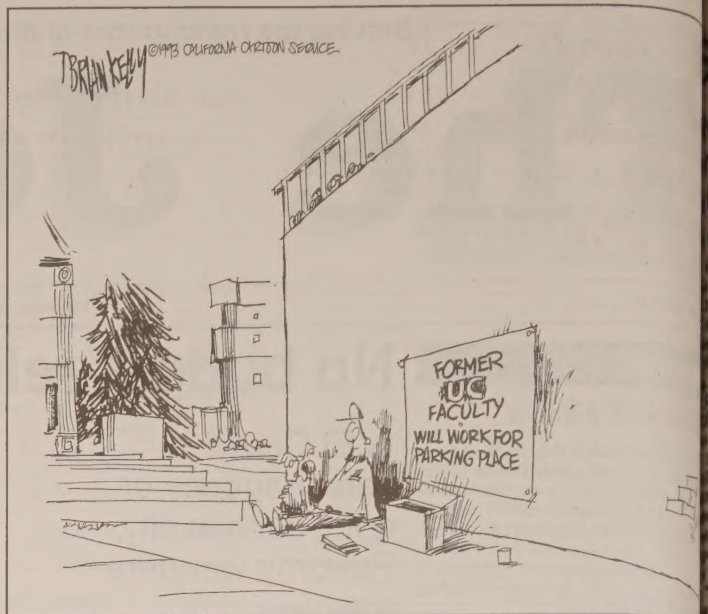
At present the club is paying for the re-lining of the courts at the high school and four other parks, at no expense to the city and without conditions.

The El Cerrito Tennis Club is committed to the improvement of the facilities and increased interest in tennis in El Cerrito.

It appreciates the focus your article put on a problem not only for tennis, but for all city activities.

Peter Rugh
President, El Cerrito Tennis Club

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Police Reports

Would-be bank robbers discouraged by teller response

By Dave Greer

ALBANY—Two men attempted to rob the Sumitomo Bank of California at 1451 Solano Avenue about 10:50 a.m. on May 13. They entered the bank wearing masks and one handed a teller a note. When the teller told him he had no money he took back the note and both left. They were last seen headed northbound on San Carlos Avenue on foot.

The first man was described as black, in his 20s, 6 feet tall, about 140 pounds, with brown eyes. He wore a green pullover sweatshirt and dark pants. Witnesses said the second man was also black and in his 20s, about 5 feet, 10 inches, 130 pounds, and wearing a white or gray sweatshirt and dark pants.

A burglar conducted a hot prowling of a home in the 900 block of Taylor Street on the night of May 12-13, police were told. The light-stepping burglar did not awaken occupants as he entered by an unlocked side door and left with a VCR Nintendo game.

Officers investigating a report of domestic trouble in the 900 block of Ventura Avenue shortly after 5 a.m. May 13 arrested an Albany woman and a Richmond man who were found in possession of a large baggie of marijuana.

Three young Oakland women were arrested for passing forged checks at The Mechanics Bank at 801 San Pablo Avenue on May 14. One of the women worked in an Oakland retirement home and had stolen them from an elderly woman patient there.

An El Sobrante woman ran out of gas and was blocking the intersection of Buchanan and Jackson Streets on the evening of May 16. Officers pushed her out of the intersection and gassed up her car.

A woman told police a man stole her handbag in the parking lot of the Solano Avenue Safeway Store about 6:30 p.m. on May 12. The 78-year-old resident of the 1200 block of Solano Avenue said the thief jumped out of the passenger side of a dark-colored foreign car,

snatched her purse and departed in the car. He was described as a black male, about 30 years of age, 5 feet, 10 inches, 145 pounds, with dark hair and clothing.

About noon on May 12 a 15-year-old girl and a 13-year-old girl were taken from Albany Middle School to Highland Hospital in Oakland by the Albany Fire Department after they reportedly took 10 Ritalin pills. Officers were told by one that "part of the reason" they took the pills was to commit suicide.

A Berkeley woman observed driving erratically on I-80 was followed into Albany and placed under citizen's arrest by another motorist about 11 p.m. on May 11. She showed obvious signs of drunkenness and refused to take any of the tests for intoxication, officers said.

A Richmond man going in speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour came close to rear-ending a California Highway Patrol car on I-80 about 1 a.m. on May 16. The driver failed a field sobriety test, refused all other tests, and was booked into the Albany jail for drunk driving.

Albany police and fire units responded to a residence in the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue about 2:30 a.m. May 15. A brook to close to a water heater had caught fire. Firefighters cleared the building of smoke.

A burglar broke the front window of a home in the 900 block of Filmore Street and conducted a messy prowling of the bedroom, taking a TV and jewelry, police were told on the afternoon of May 15.

Police responding to reports of loud voices and breaking glass in the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue in the early morning of May 15 found that the argument had been telephonic. A woman told officers she was having words with her former boyfriend on the phone and became so angry she hit a screened window, breaking out the glass.

Residents of the 400 block of Talbot Street told police on the morning of May 14 that somebody

first tried to enter the house through a lower window, forcing his way in through the front door. When confronted, he was described as a male, 18 to 20 years of age, tall and 180 pounds, wearing blue or black baseball cap, T-shirt and pants.

An Albany man riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in the block of San Pablo Avenue collided with a Berkeley man on a drive-thru and receiving injuries on the afternoon of May 11.

A resident of the 1500 Beverly Place told police on the morning of May 11 that he had forced entry into his home and stolen the cassette deck.

A man who allegedly stole a 1983 Ford F-150 pickup truck from San Pablo Ave. on the afternoon of May 10 was apprehended by police for subsequent investigation of the theft in that city. The man entered the Albany fast-food establishment, asked to see the manager and requested an application then drew a blue steel handgun and demanded money before fleeing.

Investigating a report of a stolen car in Memorial Park at 3:40 a.m. May 11, police found the stolen car on the swing set. They were from San Carlos and "just hanging out." They went home after talking with officers.

At noon May 10 a man in the 900 block of Jackson Street told police that his 1993 Gold Mustang had been stolen from his house some time that day and was recovered undamaged later in Sacramento.

Somebody broke into the vice principal's office at Albany Middle School, police told on the morning of May 11.

A snake was reported in the kindergarten area at the Vinton at 9:52 a.m. on May 14 found a gopher snake, placed in a box, and released in its natural habitat.

Lab waste dumped along Hillside Park fire trail

By Dawn Frasleer

EL CERRITO — Someone dumped a 15-gallon empty metal container of trichlorofluoromethane (Freon II) near the Hillside Park fire trail at about 5:30 p.m. on April 21. A male suspect was seen.

Fire Chief Steve Cutright later said that the container, while empty, was "fairly clearly marked as to what had been inside" and that the substance was one commonly found in drug labs. The container was kept for evidence, he said, adding that a representative from Contra Costa County had also taken a look at it.

Because of the size of the city's park, it is difficult to keep completely patrolled, Cutright said. "We rely on the honor of our citizens to keep it safe."

An unidentified thief grabbed a small amount of cash from an unattended cash register at Sherwood Florist on the afternoon of April 29.

While one suspect waited at a vehicle, another approached a victim at a bus stop in front of the

Idaho Motel and demanded cash while brandishing a shotgun. The victim gave the man his wallet; both suspects escaped in the vehicle.

The incident occurred at 4:20 a.m. on April 30.

A man entered the open garage door of a home in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue at 9:45 a.m. April 26. He didn't taken anything, however. He left when confronted by the resident.

Two motor vehicles were reported stolen. A van was taken from the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue during the night of May 4. A 1983 Chevy Celebrity was taken from the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive during the night of April 29.

An unlocked bicycle was stolen from in front of a store in the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 4:20 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. April 30.

A purse was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1500 block of South 56th Street during the night of April 22. Clothing was taken from a car parked in the 200 block of Behrens Street

during the night of April 22. A burglar had forced open a lock with a screwdriver.

Other property thefts in the area were reported. The cense plate was taken from a vehicle parked on Eureka during the daytime on April 23. Hubcaps were taken from a vehicle parked at El Cerrito Plaza during the daytime on April 23.

That night, at about 11 p.m., someone siphoned gas from a vehicle parked on Santa Clara of San Diego.

Three acts of vandalism were reported. During the night of April 23, someone spray painted on a vehicle parked in the block of Everett Street.

Evening of April 25, someone threw an egg at a car in the 7800 Moeser Lane.

A shot from an air-pistol smashed a vehicle window in the 300 block of Carmel Avenue during the night of April 30.

Twelve traffic collisions were reported, five on San Pablo Avenue (one in a parking lot on Cutting Boulevard).

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Support for disabled parents

new program
provides parents
with resources

By Moore

Providing parents with disabilities with a support system as well as a resource of information is the main focus of the Parents Support Project, a new program at the Center for Independent Living.

Anna White, the coordinator of the program was created last December because of the lack of resources available to parents with disabilities. White, who has a hearing impairment, said she saw the need of a support program after her experiences with her doctors when her son was born five years ago.

The genetic doctors told me my child had a 50 percent chance of having a disability. They told me that I was too child-like and that my wanting (a child) was a way for me to grow up," said White.

"So I found a new pediatri-

cian who turned out to be more supportive."

To reach out to more parents with disabilities, PEP received a grant to conduct five workshops focusing on the issues facing disabled parents. On April 1, PEP conducted a workshop for mothers with hearing impairments where a needs assessment survey was taken to examine the issues facing hearing impaired parents. On the survey, the parents were asked about various issues ranging from the care by pediatricians to finding adequate child care to having affordable medical insurance.

From the needs assessment, White said the survey identified three common issues faced by most disabled parents, including difficulties of socialization on the part of parent and child, a lack of affordable child care, and a shortage of accessible recreational facilities.

"The workshops are designed to reach out to other parents with disabilities to let them know there are other parents facing the same issue," said White.

Last December, CIL received a grant from United Way to do a

needs assessment survey of deaf parents and to reach out to the deaf community. One of the findings of the need assessment indicated that deaf people preferred that the results of the survey be put on videotape rather than printed on paper.

Bee, a deaf member of the support group who asked that her last name not be used, said she came to the support group because she needed help with communicating with and disciplining her hearing children.

"I wanted to learn some effective ways of getting my 13-year-old son to mind me without having it seem that I was yelling at him all of time," said Bee. "I think deaf people need a parents support group to discuss issues that have in common, and to learn about parents of all disabilities."

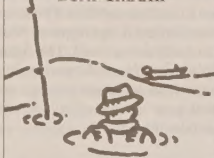
Besides serving as support group for disabled parents, White said she hopes PEP will also be a support group for children of disabled parents.

"The hope is the children who come to the support group with their parents will socialize and play together and discover that they share common issues," said White.

She said she hopes the support group will serve as a resource where disabled parents can get information on sensitive issues such as sexuality. In June, PEP will have a workshop on disability and sexuality.

"One of the findings from our needs assessment found that we as disabled persons were not given permission to be sexual when we were growing up," said White. "I want this group to encourage to disabled people that they have a right and a choice to become parents, and to inform them of their rights as parents."

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'Old Timers Club' takes on care of putting green

By Beth Bartke

Since last summer when the city cut back its maintenance crew, there are no longer enough maintenance workers to adequately maintain all of our city parks. Over the past year neighbors and friends of these parks have "adopted" and cared for them. For the next few Thursdays in this column, I would like to introduce you to some of the people who help to make our city more beautiful.

The Old Timers Club

If you go by the putting green on Portola Avenue, adjacent to the Community Center, on any morning or afternoon, you will see a group of six or eight men engrossed in a serious game.

Most of these men are "old timers" in El Cerrito, having lived here for 30 or more years. They have also been meeting at the putting green for many years, either in the "morning group" or the "afternoon group."

The men remember a time when the city's maintenance crew was large enough to have one man who especially cared for the putting green. This maintenance worker had the putting green looking like one you might find at a championship gold course.

When the users expressed their frustration about the current level of maintenance, the city offered

them the opportunity to "adopt" the putting green.

Maintenance crew supervisor Arly Haroldson met with the men to discuss the responsibilities they would assume. Eduardo Gouveia, maintenance worker, stops by often to be sure the equipment is in working order and that other supplies are available.

This week I went to the putting green to talk to the Old Timers Club members. It was a beautiful morning, and six to eight men were enjoying a game. I met Aldo Cianciarulo, who coordinates the volunteer maintenance effort. He told me that there were many others who helped, including Joe Rossi, Jack Kroll, Will Ninnis, Bert Watkins, Ernie Reyes and Bill Yamasaki.

They mow the grass on the putting green and on the apron around the green. This job takes two special mowers and looks best if done twice a week. The men also mow the lawn around the horseshoe pit.

They have also cleaned all the weeds that had grown up around the borders of the area. They also assist in the watering, which is now needed twice a week.

With some reseeding that is currently being done by city maintenance crews and with the faithful care by the Old Timers Club, the putting green is looking better every day.

The city appreciates the work that this group is doing. I enjoyed meeting the men this week, and thank them for interrupting their game to talk to me.

If you are interested in "adopting" a park in your neighborhood, please contact us at 215-4320. There are many areas in which individuals, families and school and civic groups can become involved.

Next week, the Huber Park Neighbors.



Harding carnival features renowned local magician in free performance

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — John Ynostroza is the featured entertainment at this year's annual Harding School Carnival — a special reason to bring the family and attend. Though still a junior in high school, Ynostroza has become a well-known professional magician in the East Bay, having performed for the Bohemian Club, at a Julio Iglesias concert, and at the Oakland A's World Series party. Each year, he also performs at the A's Christmas party.

An enterprising young businessman, Ynostroza has also developed a magic kit for kids who'd like to delve into the world of magic; in the video he's made to accompany it, he explains how to do the tricks but also gives advice on showmanship, which he considers an essential skill the magician must master.

Ynostroza's performance is free Saturday; it begins at 12:30 p.m.

Come early to take advantage of as many of the 24 game and activity booths as possible. There are activities available for preschoolers all the way through older elementary kids.

"But I've heard parents also like to get involved," says games organizer Deborah Green. Among the booths offered are: plants-for-sale, face painting, photo buttons, hats and necklaces, Velcro target toss, obstacle courses, tic tac toe, tests of strength, ping pong shoot, milk bottle toss, a lollipop tree, duck pond, deep sea fishing, beanbag toss, basketball and, of course, the

traditional cake walk.

Tickets for the games will sell four for a dollar.

For \$1 each, you can purchase tickets for an opportunity drawing.

Two grand prize grocery shopping gift certificates will be awarded.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, nachos and sno cones will also be offered for sale.

The carnival is a joint fundraiser for the Harding P.T.A. and Dads Club; Pam Morales is the chair for this year's event.

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Women organize to battle breast cancer and its effects

By Sally Douglas Arce

Twelve women in the U.S. die of breast cancer every hour. While this fact is disheartening, there is some good news. Women with cancer aren't sitting idly by and silently suffering. By organizing, demonstrating and lobbying local women are pushing for a cure for breast cancer — challenging the limited public funding of breast cancer research and emphasizing the disparities between monies spent on breast cancer and those for less pervasive (common) cancers.

Ruby Bernstein of Albany is one of those women. "You can't be passive when you have breast cancer. You have to learn to fight and be able to ask questions," she says. For her, activism and support have been essential to living with cancer. Bernstein is a member of the three-year-old Breast Cancer Action, an activist organization that lobbies in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

Bernstein, an English teacher at Northgate High School in Walnut Creek, had a lumpectomy two years ago and has not had a recurrence. For her, support comes from her friends and from BCA, where she goes for answers to her questions and information about the best treatment.

She was shocked when she was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago. She had discovered the exact same type of tumor in the opposite breast 22 years ago, but it was benign.

For her first lumpectomy, Bernstein did not receive counseling — no one explained what her choices would be if her lump was malignant and no one talked with her about the psychological changes she might experience.

"The second time around I had choices and was explained them very well," she says. "And, now there are survivors to talk with."

Bernstein thanks Betty Ford, Shirley Temple Black and other prominent women for speaking out about the importance of being told you have choices. Now in California there is a requirement that doctors advise women of their choices. Options include lumpectomy, lymph node surgery, chemotherapy, reconstructive surgery, etc.

A negative mammogram is not

an unusual occurrence before breast cancer is diagnosed. For Bernstein's second tumor, a mammogram taken in July was clear, but in January she detected a lump and went immediately to her doctor.

"I can't underestimate the importance of regular mammograms and monthly breast self-examination," Bernstein says.

But, she says, there is some prevalent information that is faulty, and important facts that are swept under the carpet. For example, she says that once a lump can be felt, it has been there eight years. This is

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—RUBY BERNSTEIN

all the more reason women need to be ever-vigilant.

Bernstein believes she was one of the fortunate women. A woman friend who had had a biopsy about four months earlier accompanied Bernstein through every step of the process. Although Bernstein considers herself an intelligent woman, when it comes to cancer and advocating for yourself with medical professionals "it's a different story."

"You don't need crying relatives. You need someone who can help you ask the questions; take notes for you, as you're not listening all the way; and discuss it with you afterwards," she says, referring to the numerous medical appointments leading up to her diagnosis.

"I can imagine how difficult it is to not be fluent in English and have to go through this. You have to have an advocate (go with you to all your appointments)."

And post-surgery life holds some surprises. "You don't just have the operation and its over," says Bernstein. "I didn't understand after it was over what impacts it would have on my life."

About 8 months after her lumpectomy, Bernstein attended a Peace Corps meeting. "They were

very enthused about my background, but as soon as I mentioned cancer, eyebrows went up," she says.

They had her meet with medical personnel and was told she needed to be in remission for five years. Even though she had her three doctors write on her behalf requesting a waiver, she was not accepted to the Peace Corps.

Ironically, Eleanor Pred, a leader of BCA who has since died, had been clear of a cancer recurrence for seven years when she was accepted into the Peace Corps. Pred got her second diagnosis while in the Peace Corps in Morocco, Bernstein says.

"What does this mean?" she asks rhetorically. "It means women's lives are being postponed because they have cancer."

And Bernstein, now 61, is concerned about the future. Her medical insurance expires when she turns 65. "I can buy into it, but will I be able to afford it? If I had to shop around (for medical insurance), I don't know what would happen?"

"The reassurance I get is that if my cancer should metastasize, I would have the support of my friends and an advocacy group to answer my questions and direct me to the best treatment."

For Bernstein, BCA provides her with a concrete way to act on her anger. "We (BCA) owe a tremendous debt to the AIDS community for the support and schooling we got from them. Even now we have a network with them," she says.

She highly recommends the BCA newsletter to anyone concerned about breast cancer or women's health issues. To subscribe, write Breast Cancer Action, 1280 Columbus No. 204, San Francisco 94133.

Cynthia, another Albany resident agrees with Bernstein that the right kinds of support make all the difference in the world. At Cynthia's request, a fictitious name is being used here.

"My husband helped me accept it a lot," says Cynthia of the weeks after her mastectomy 10 years ago. Cynthia knows of women denied that support. In fact, she says, a lot of women's husbands leave them after they've had their mastectomy.

"We had little kids and decided

Walk to help women's groups fight cancer

Join women and men from around the Bay Area in Saturday's 5K walk, which is one activity of the Women and Cancer Project. The project's goal is to raise funds for organizations serving underserved communities of women; to press for increased access to prevention, detection, treatment and systems, to raise awareness of cancer issues through education and advocacy and to work towards a life-affirming and cancer-free society.

The Women and Cancer Project members and beneficiaries are:

- Breast Cancer Action (San Francisco)
- National Black Leadership Initiative Against Cancer (Oakland)
- Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic (Oakland)
- National Latina Health Organization (Oakland)
- Native American Health Organizations (San Francisco and Oakland)
- Older Women's League (San Francisco)
- Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Project (San Francisco)
- Mujeres Unidas y Activas (San Francisco)
- Women's Cancer Resource Center (Berkeley)

The 5K Women and Cancer Walk starts Saturday at 9 a.m. and is followed by speakers and a 11 a.m. To participate in the walk, call (415) 487-6224 or write 3543 18th Street, Box 1, San Francisco 94110

not to hide it (her mastectomy) from them," Cynthia says.

Cynthia stresses the importance of keeping your sense of humor. The first time after surgery when she was gardening with her son, the pink plastic prosthesis plopped into the dirt, sending them into waves of laughter.

Yet, Cynthia acknowledges that she is self-conscious about swimming and necklines. And, she is angry about the lack of progress in research for a cure for breast cancer. "I think women are used as guinea pigs all the time. I probably had four or five prostheses and they've all gotten holes in them. What if that was inside your body

disintegrating?"

Cynthia has chosen another way to be an activist. For her, cancer has given her a new outlook on life — an opportunity to live each day, each hour more fully.

"It (cancer) puts life in perspective and helps you prioritize the things you are going to put your energy into," she says with much intensity.

Both Cynthia and Bernstein say that cancer never leaves you psychologically — no matter how many years it has been and you have not had a recurrence. There are the never-ending medical check ups afterwards. And, it's the fact that more and more women

you know are diagnosed with cer.

"Within another four years after my lumpectomy, about 10 women friends, all in the same age group, came down with cancer. It's an epidemic," Bernstein says.

Cynthia feels that she's been out of the woods. When her friend is diagnosed with cancer, she enjoys visiting them and other support. As gratifying as this support is to her, sometimes experiences symptoms.

Besides the paranoia, Bernstein talks about betrayal — betrayed by her body, especially always considered her good health.

Musicians welcome to audition for YPSO

Auditions for the Young People's Symphony Orchestra are underway. Musicians aged 13 to 21 years are invited to make appointments for auditions through the manager at 843-3053.

Membership in the orchestra is open to instrumentalists of demonstrated ability. The orchestra offers opportunities for young musicians to play, in rehearsal and performance, a wide-ranging symphonic and ensemble repertoire under the direction of professional musicians.

Included in the experience are sectional coaching sessions.

Assistance for the modest membership fee is available to young people otherwise unable to participate.

David Ramadanoff is music director and conductor of the orchestra for the sixth year. A graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., he studied at the Juilliard School of Music, where he was assistant conductor of the school's symphony orchestra.

Ramadanoff was also conductor, subsequently conductor, of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Seiji Osawa and Esa-Pekka Salonen respectively.

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The orchestra is a non-profit organization supported by ship in the YPSO Association, private donations, corporate grants and fundraising events.

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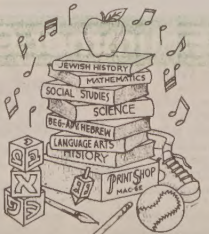
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Council approves stop sign for busy intersection

Dawn Frasleur

CERRITO — The City Council Monday night agreed to install stop signs on Donal Avenue, despite the recommendation of the city engineer's office.

The recommendation originated from Castro Elementary School; four school representatives had come to the council to lobby for the signs.

"This is not something we would really do," said City Councilmember Norma Jellison, who said she was thus voting in the signs reluctantly.

"We have a process we go through, specific criteria that we use, and a Public Safety Committee to help us...implement the signs because of the safety of small children was involved that the council would go against the recommendations of city engineer Todd Teachout, she said.

Teachout had told the council on February 2, a traffic accident on Donal and Everett had renewed concerns about neighborhood safety and prompted over 50 neighborhood parents to Castro School to the city to consider putting stop signs at intersections near the school, including Donal/Norvell, Donal/Lawrence, Donal/Everett, Gladys/Lawrence.

The Gladys and Norvell intersection is currently controlled with stop signs.

Teachout said his staff has been studying and will continue to collect data on the area until the end of the school year.

The study already completed, indicates that Donal has more than 175 cars passing the intersection while Norvell has 175 cars passing through. The count reflects traveling in one direction.

The recommendation was that traffic restrictions (due to the intersection) be sufficient to warrant stop signs but that they should be placed on Norvell, since there is more traffic on Donal.

According to Teachout, "traffic signs (signage) is not for slowing down — though it will; it's for

providing guidance for rights of way."

Too many stop signs "will frustrate drivers," he said, and will ultimately "lower respect for traffic control."

He also said that risks are actually low at the intersection, with only one accident reported in the last several years, and that the city "can't protect against near misses. The world is a risky and dangerous place."

Castro representatives did not agree that the city could not be proactive in protecting the safety of its children.

"We feel the suggestion made misses the point," said Castro P.T.A. president Marilyn Akers. "We care about the pedestrians, not the flow of traffic."

Parent and neighborhood resident Jan Fabini presented a map to the council that illustrated signage in the four streets — Donal, Norvell, Lawrence and Gladys — that surround Castro School and BrightStar Montessori School.

She described morning and afternoon traffic patterns as children are being delivered to school and picked up — or crossing the streets to go home — and described Donal as having the most traffic, slick pavement in rainy weather and poor visibility, as well as increased danger from being a downhill street.

Admitting that it is "parents and caregivers" who are the drivers mostly involved, she said the P.T.A. is "continually trying to remind them to be more careful."

Part of the problem, she said, is that drivers tend not to understand what the yield signs currently on Donal mean.

While the group would have preferred to see four-way stop signs at the corner, their next preference was to have the Donal yield signs replaced by stop signs.

Installing stop signs only on Norvell Street would increase the speed of traffic on Donal Avenue, she said.

Parents believe this would increase the risk to both students crossing the street and student crossing guards; Principal Judy Boehm told the council guards are report-

ing more problems with drivers not respecting their hand-held stop signs than one might normally expect.

Councilmember Cathie Kosel made a strong case for redirecting traffic around the school. She pointed to Kensington Hilltop

everybody else, and the system works out well.

"I'm not a traffic engineer; either, but I am a great believer in peer pressure," she said.

"Maybe the city needs to change some stop signs, and you need to

'We care about the pedestrians, not the flow of traffic'

—MARILYN AKERS
PTA PRESIDENT

School as an example.

In that situation, she said, parents are encouraged to treat a two-way street as one-way while dropping off and picking up children from school. While a few parents break the rules, she said, they tend to get disapproving glares from

encourage other (patterns)."

Vice-mayor Jane Bartke said Adams had instituted the same type of traffic redirection with good results, while Mayor Mae Ritz said she remembered a similar situation at another school years ago.

"The key is convincing other

people that you know what (traffic patterning) is best," she said.

The council voted in favor of removing the yield signs on Donal and replacing them with stop signs, while encouraging increased educational efforts.

Akers said this had indeed been only a first step in the P.T.A.'s plans to increase pedestrian safety in the area and spoke to plans to contact the police department for some monitoring help.

When asked by the council whether this would be a possibility, Police Chief Dan Givens said that officers can be available the first weeks of school next year to help monitor traffic and give citations when needed — such as when parents use blue handicapped zones as drop-off points, a reported problem.

He also said he would work with crossing guards to remind them to take down license plate numbers when cars run through their signs.

Givens met with Castro representatives after the meeting for several minutes. P.T.A. vice-president Kathryn Maack said that the group had come up with several helpful ideas.

She said the chief had suggested new uniforms for the crossing guards — brightly colored, highly visible ones, such as are worn by CalTrans workers.

She also said he has agreed to attend the opening P.T.A. barbecue in September to address parents on traffic safety issues and will help the P.T.A. draft a letter — to be sent to parents on El Cerrito Police Department letterhead — on new traffic patterning.

Storm drain cleanup fees pending

El Cerrito will shoulder share of cost for better water quality

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa County's board of supervisors will hold two public hearings next month for final consideration of the formation of a stormwater utility area which will include El Cerrito.

The El Cerrito City Council has already approved the formation of the district, as have all the other cities in the county, according to a spokesperson for the Contra Costa County Storm Water Control Program.

If approved, an annual storm water fee payment will be assessed on all El Cerrito properties.

The federal government has mandated a cleanup program for stormwater pollution that will directly improve water quality.

The government has not, however, provided any funding for lo-

cal cleanup programs.

Each local jurisdiction is considered to be responsible for stopping the discharge of any pollutants — from automotive fluids to pesticides — into the drains, which are intended for runoff water.

Some program elements will stop such discharge at its source — activities such as increased street sweeping and public education concerning the results of dumping hazardous substances down the storm sewer system.

Others will monitor and clean up the catch basins and discharge areas themselves.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits are required to be obtained by local jurisdictions.

In California, many cities have banded together to form larger districts, with individual cities submitting storm drain studies and evaluations, goals and program plans which are then incorporated into a group permit application along with larger district or county programs and objectives — water testing programs, for example, which would be too large an under-

taking for a small city.

Every municipality must address the problems indigenous to that particular area, said the program's spokesperson.

In El Cerrito and other cities, those decisions are made by the City Council, she said; in unincorporated areas, the county makes the decisions.

In addition, there are problems common to the region which the district will address on behalf of all the local jurisdictions.

The costs for those programs are analyzed and divided to determine individual assessments, she said.

Property assessments are determined according to "equivalent runoff units."

These ERUs vary according to area and according to land uses — single family residential, office buildings, industrial complexes, etc.

In El Cerrito the current charge is \$14 per year per ERU.

A single family residence in a lot under 5,000 feet will be assessed at a rate of .7 ERU.

A residential lot larger than 20,000 square feet is charged at a rate of 1.7 ERU.

Properties between 5,000 and 20,000 square feet are charged at one ERU.

Thus a homeowner whose single

family residence is on an 8,000 square foot lot will pay \$14 this year.

That price may rise in future years, though it may not exceed \$38 per ERU without further notice and public hearings.

The public hearings are scheduled at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 15 in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez.

El Cerrito City Manager Gary Pokorny notes that this district assessment program is a separate issue than the bond issue El Cerrito voters approved with over a two-thirds in the March election.

That election authorized the city to sell bonds for a capital project — the repair, restoration and replacement of the city's storm drains, a task that would have had to be completed whether or not there had been any federal clean water regulations, he said.

At Monday's council meeting, the next step was taken in that process.

The council held a first reading on a motion to begin the bond sale process.

Pokorny said he anticipates the bonds will be sold sometime this fall.

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And there is a magician in the back room. Bob can take bits and pieces of porcelain that once were a doll's head and restore it almost entirely to its original magnificence. And what he can do with a doll that was blackened and damaged by fire is indeed magic.

Dolls, for both Marie and Bob Gardyne, are a third career. But it is hard to imagine a more satisfying and delightful third career.

Marie was a secretary for about seven years, then taught organ and piano for about 16 years. She stopped teaching when she and Bob married — a second marriage for both. She went back to college where she studied interior design.

One assignment was to work out a merchandising plan for

interior design or related work. Deciding to do related work, she remembered that when people remodeled their homes, they often had items they no longer wanted. Her idea was to help them dispose of unwanted items in a way that would bring them additional funds. Intrigued, her teacher suggested that she start right away.

While still in college she did start, writing to about 100 designers. Many answered, and her business took off. As time went on she found herself getting more and more into antiques. As she visited antique shops she came across one shop owner who had antique dolls which she was eager to sell.

Having been intrigued with dolls since she visited the Doll House Museum in Bethesda, Md., Marie invested \$100 and bought the collection. After buying her dolls, she sold a few, as collectors do, and found herself in another business.

When husband Bob had a heart attack and had to retire, they decided to open a shop where she could buy and sell dolls and related items, and Bob could use his engineering expertise to repair dolls. Yes, he proved to me that engineering expertise entered

into it fully.

Bob's first career was the military. Having been a military brat himself, it was a natural progression for him. Among other things he was an interpreter in both German and Russian. Leaving the military he became a mechanical engineer. Now he repairs dolls, matching the many various materials of which they are made, and performing other feats too involved to explain here.

The two families, Bob's and Marie's, were friends for many years. Most of their children went through El Cerrito High School. Bob's children were adopted and have various ethnic and racial backgrounds. The mingling of the two families has produced a fascinating family picture, from Marie's Italian forbears, Bob's Scotch, Irish, etc., and his children's various backgrounds, it is a wonderful amalgam. And, as Bob says, "It has brought an interesting mix of grandchildren."

I asked Bob about his languages. He said he learned them all while in the military in Europe. "I seemed to have an aptitude for Slavic languages, although I have no Slavic background myself."

As I wandered about the store I saw an interesting variety of

dolls. There were George and Martha, sitting straight and rather grim faced. There were dolls of different ethnic backgrounds, different eras and decidedly different temperaments. One doll sat at a piano which played a Casio keyboard.

Artist's dolls are one-of-a-kind, created by artists, and very individual. Antique dolls, modern dolls, clothing and furniture, plus doll-related items, make up the bulk of the inventory.

So why "The Brass Horse?" That refers to a life-sized brass horse that greets you as you enter the store. "If nothing else," Bob notes, "it is vastly different from the names of other doll stores."

Maybe the interest and fun of being with Marie and Bob comes from the joy of being in such a business. They are quiet, friendly and humorous. It is fun to chat with people like that.

The Brass Horse, originally in a small store across the street, is now located in a bright, warm shop at 615 San Pablo Ave., in Albany.

As I was leaving a client came in to pick up her repaired doll. She had been waiting for some time. Bob says he has repaired

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



some 700 dolls and has, at present, about 100 more waiting their turn.

But as for the woman who came in while I was there, it was worth the waiting when she was handed the beautifully restored doll.

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Obituaries

Lillian Mattos

Lillian M. Mattos, 89, died May 11 in Berkeley. A native of Half Moon Bay, she was a 60-year Albany resident.

She was the mother of the late Robert E. Christianson, grandmother of Kathleen Ann, John W., Robert J., Michael and David S. Christianson; grandmother of Robert E., Jamie R., Travis J., and Kaitlyn J. Christianson; cousin of Zelda Schwartz and Elaine Cunningham.

She was retired from Western Air Chef Catering.

Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Fund, 458 E. Livermore 94550.

Victoria Wicklund

Victoria I. (Wicklund) died May 2 in Oregon. She was born in Minnesota for many years was a doctor in Minneapolis. She was in death by her husband in 1974. The couple spent their married life in Clatsop, Or. Burial was in Hills Memorial Park on May 8.

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efforts of many volunteers, Oct., 1992 brought the beginning of a Senior Volunteer Program at Happy Valley Elementary School in Lafayette, that has been most successful and rewarding to ALL involved," expressed Judy. Ruth Berger, liaison between Happy Valley School, and the volunteers, states, "It all began when I went to a meeting at my new home, Byron Park. The group was called Gatekeepers To The Future, a national organization of senior volunteers. Since I know that our educational system needs some help, I knew that this was a group I wanted to be involved with. Working with the Literacy Council, and with personal experiences, I have seen adults who have been through school who cannot read or write. It seems to me

that learning to read and write in the early years of school is better than having to go through life frustrated. What a waste of human resources! When I was asked to be the contact person at Byron Park, I accepted," said Ruth.

"It seemed that everything was falling in place for this project to go forward. We had the RIGHT COMBINATION for success! A principal, Carol Blackburn, from Happy Valley, who had the foresight to see the possibilities, a parent, Norma Evans, who was willing to give her time to co-ordinate and provide transportation, the volunteers, Bill DePoy, Esther Shub, and myself, and the teachers who took the extra time to make it all happen, Julie Quarry, Nancy Pavison, Linda Picchi, Peggy Conway, and Susan Vasgerdian. Twice a week we volunteered in the Computer Lab, helping the students become computer friendly, and with their learning programs. We also spend many enjoyable hours listening and reading with the children," said Ruth.

"We had the RIGHT COMBINATION to do the job, and it

has been gratifying beyond all expectation! Especially to see such good results from our efforts! I feel privileged to be a part of this wonderful connection. Our children are our future and we need to give

them the best education we can. With the kind of co-operation that happened this school year at Happy Valley Elementary, we can accomplish this!" exclaimed Ruth. The Gatekeeper To The Future group is open to all

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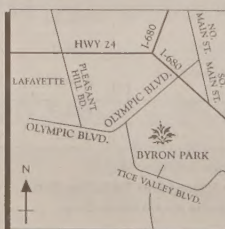
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A discount on new wooden
toys that have a lifetime
guarantee. Three drawings will be
drawn Saturday for a Holgate
toy and helium balloons will be
given on Friday and Saturday
afternoon.
Ruth opened her store earlier
this year, 1170 Solano Ave.
Ruth, from the Albany Post
Office, having experience with
toys from the past. "There
were used toys sales. She calls
them 'toys from the past.'" There
were wooden airplanes from the
'50s and many toys from the
'60s. Her store shelves
are filled with authentic old toys and
toys.
Ruth selected Albany as her
location as it has been a part of
her family's life since they
moved to this area. "Because of
family nature of Solano
County, I tend to bank and shop
here to know the business
community through my personal
life," she said. "This gives
me a feeling of being a

participant in the community with
both personal and business
friends."

She continued, "I consider my
business as a 'choice to reuse'
type of business. Reusing items is
on a higher line of responsibility
for things we no longer need."
Ruth wants her merchandise to be
used and used again before it is
broken or torn into the recycling
status.

Toys and reusing toys and
keeping things "going" in regards
to articles of childhood began
essentially when she had her two
children. She and her husband,
Frederick, were co-op parents at
nursery and preschools. Ruth's
weekly task was to wash and sort
all toys which Frederick kept in
condition such items as tricycles,
jungle gyms and all larger riding
toys.

They became familiar with
repairing and how to obtain
needed replacement parts. They
often took two unworkable toys
and combined them to make one
workable item. This became a
part of their life.

Today they do minor repairs
and have access to companies
who have hard to find parts.

Ruth accepts reusable toys,
Tuesday through Saturday, 10

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She closes at
5:30 p.m. Prices are 25 percent
below average discount retail
prices for "as new" condition and
marketability.

Ruth is president of the
Gateview Dolls Doll Club,
Albany Soroptimist Club, serves
on the board of directors of the
Solano Avenue Association, and
is a member of the Albany
Chamber of Commerce and the
Brass Horse Club of Albany. Her
husbands work for an
environmental agency.

Son Frank is a freshmen at Cal
State Hayward, and Erick is a
freshman at Berkeley High
School.

Ruth has something in toys for
young and old to keep everyone
young in spirit.

A manicotti and roast beef
dinner will be served to guests
tomorrow night at the Albany
Veterans' Memorial Building at
7:30 p.m., sponsored by Albany
American Legion Post 292. The
menu includes stuffed manicotti,
roast beef, salad; vegetables and a
gourmet dessert prepared by Gus
Graben. Cost is \$7.50 per.
Reservations are a must and may
be made by phoning Roy
Holland, 526-2891; Graben, 526-

0379; Keith Truax, 526-4487 or
Ian Ball, 525-5230. Doors open at
6:30 for cocktails.

Friends of Albany Seniors will
serve a pancake breakfast,
Sunday, May 23, 10 a.m. to 1
p.m., at the Senior Center, 846
Masonic Ave. Proceeds will
benefit the Albany Senior Center
furnishing fund. Tickets are \$4
for adults and children under 10
are \$1. Tickets are available at
the Senior Center and the Albany
Chamber of Commerce.

The Albany Lions Club has
donated another flag to fly on the
Buchanan overpass. The
Chamber of Commerce had but
one flag in fairly good condition
and another in poor condition
when the Lions Club delivered a
new one unsolicited. The torn
ones are taken to Norge Cleaners
who donates the cleaning and
repairing as needed. The flag flies
24 hours a day.

The public is invited to meet
photographer Andy Gotzenberg
at Refractions Exhibition Space
for Photography, 600 San Pablo
Avenue, Saturday, May 22, from
2 to 3 p.m. Gotzenberg's special
showing of "Bromoil Transfer
Photographs," a lost art, will run
until Saturday, June 5.

He learned the process of

Bromoil transfer work from Hugo
Rudinger, one of the few masters
on this art of photography. The
process is no longer being done
since the manufacturer of the
paper has changed the
composition of the paper needed
for the process.

Bromoil transfers are made
similarly to etchings, only the
print becomes the plate or matrix.
Inking is applied by brush
stippling to the matrix and
transferred to the paper by a
roller press.

Each print may have two or

three press runs to get the desired
contrast. It can take anywhere
from two to 12 hours to complete
one print process.

Refractions Exhibition Space
for photography will be one of
the three sites selected for a post
exhibition of photographs from
the Festival at the Lake's 1993
photography competition. This
group show will open Tuesday,
June 8 and will run until Monday,
June 21.

Save Sunday, Sept. 12, for the
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Time to sign up for annual talent show

Each year the Albany-El Cerrito
Exchange club sponsors a contest
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dents and provide a stage and audi-
ence so the performers will have
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in area and divisional contests, on
up to the district finals. Winners
receive trophies and every con-
testant receives a Certificate of Ap-
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The annual Search for Talent
contest will be held on Thursday,
May 27 at 7 to 9 p.m., at the Harding
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The Search for Talent program

is over 50 years old and is famous
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dents from 6 to 18 years of age who
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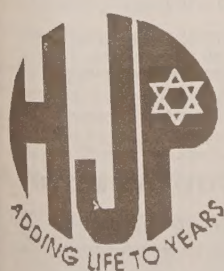
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Seniors, advocates, urge county to fund legal assistance

Bay City News

Alameda County supervisors were told Tuesday that a 17-year-old program for providing free legal assistance to seniors will die unless the county contributes \$100,000.

Superior Court Judge David Lee, the board chairman for Legal Assistance for Seniors, known as LAS, told the supervisors' Social Services Committee that, "Our very existence depends on your decision."

Lee, who was accompanied by about 30 LAS clients, attorneys and staff members, said that without

any county money, "I fear that LAS will go down the tubes. That is not a threat; it's a simple truth."

Robin Yamate, an LAS attorney, said funding for the group is "literally life or death" for low-income seniors who are abused by their children or risk losing their homes, either because relatives deal drugs there or because of unscrupulous practices by lenders.

Lee said LAS has a total budget of \$500,000, but its funding sources have dried up over the years and it now has a \$175,000 deficit. It is now asking Alameda County for \$100,000 and the city of Oakland

for \$75,000 and is seeking smaller amounts from the cities of Berkeley and Alameda.

Lee said Alameda County has benefited from the group's services, but has only provided \$32,000 to the group throughout its history. Lee said he believes helping fund LAS would be the cheapest way for the county to provide legal services for seniors that are mandated by law because it would be more costly for the county to hire private attorneys to do the same work.

Supervisors Keith Carson and Gail Steele agreed that LAS provides important services but made

no commitments about providing the \$100,000, stating that the supervisors face many hard choices because of the county's projected \$175 million budget deficit.

LAS clients Joseph Eltz, 86, and Gladys Eltz, 84, of Castro Valley told the committee that LAS helped them get an emotionally disturbed and abusive grandson kicked out of their house. Gladys Eltz said they allowed their grandson to live with them beginning at the age of 21 because his mother was manic-depressive, but he wound up staying nearly 20 years, drank alcohol excessively and often was violent.

Joseph Eltz said he had to be hospitalized twice after his grandson attacked him and was beaten so badly on one occasion that he thought he was crippled for life and then had to go to a nursing home to be taught how to walk again.

The Eltzes said LAS helped them get a restraining order which finally kept their grandson away. Gladys Eltz said, "At least we got him out of the house and now he's living on the streets."

Oakland police Sgt. Bob Crawford said 25 percent of the crack houses shut down by his department's beat health unit are

owned by elderly people. He said that without the assistance of LAS, hundreds of seniors have lost their homes because of laws allowing authorities to evict drug houses.

Mil Karstens, a supervisor of the county's Adult Protective Services, said, "LAS serves a vulnerable and easily exploited segment of the population."

Michael Loeb, president of Alameda County Bar Association, said, "There are ruthless people who use seniors as a source of money."

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Stone sculpture of a flying bear by Inuit artist Kenojuk, Cape Dorset in Northern Canada.

Family Day at Cal's exhibit of Inuit art

The Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC-Berkeley is hosting a major exhibit on Inuit (Eskimo) art of the past 40 years. In conjunction with the exhibit, the museum is holding a **Family Day** this Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. It's aimed at adults and kids, who will have a chance to try carving, making prints and constructing miniature Eskimo parkas. Kids can learn Eskimo games and make (and use) Inuit toys. A special child's guide to the exhibit will help them understand the objects and ideas on display. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids. The museum is at the intersection of Bancroft Way and College Ave., in Kroeber Hall on the UC campus. Call 643-7648 or 642-3681 for more details.

Bernice Johnson Reagon and Toshie Reagon at First Presbyterian

Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of the African-American a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock, appears Saturday in concert with her daughter, instrumentalist Toshie Reagon, at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 27th and Broadway. Tickets are \$20. Call 835-4445 for more details.

Move Dance Theatre opens its season

The Move Dance Theatre begins its spring season with performances Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 27th and Broadway. The program is "Colours '93," a jazz dance theatre presentation that celebrates "the many shades of jazz dance in all its multicultural diversity, with an uplifting message of harmony and joy." Choreography is by Bonnie Sita and Toney Penwell et al. Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for seniors and children Saturday; \$5 Sunday). Sunday's performance is followed by a reception. 465-6678.

Hand-painted quilts in Kensington

The East Bay Heritage Quilters present quilter Yvonne Porcella, who quilts using fabric that she has hand-painted to achieve a soft pastel watercolor effect. Porcella will discuss her evolution from "wearable artist" to "quilt artist" Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Admission is \$2. Call 848-7719 for more details.

Hausmusik presents Baroque music

Hausmusik presents "Flauti Diversi," a benefit for the recorder workshops of the S.F. Early Music Society, this Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Frances Wilson and Eileen Hadidian, recorder and flute; David Morris, viola da gamba and cello; and Susan Harvey, harpsichord; performs music of Castello, Telemann, Quantz and others. Tickets are \$10 to \$13; reservations are recommended. Call 524-5661.

Emanuel Leplin watercolors at McNab's

The watercolors of Emanuel Leplin are on display at McNab's Antiques, 2925 College Ave. (near Ashby), Berkeley, through June 10. Leplin was a violinist with the S.F. Symphony until he was substantially paralyzed by polio. He went on to write three symphonies (two of which premiered by the S.F. Symphony) and to create a body of visual work, both oils and watercolors. Call 845-7706 for hours.

Hans Christian Andersen's 'Snow Queen' comes to life

Spellbound Productions is presenting the premiere of *The Snow Queen*, a children's opera based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale. The story, which concerns the passage from girlhood to womanhood, has been set to music by Alexis Alrich. The production involves music, dance, costumes and magical effects. It can be seen tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Live Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Reservations are recommended; call 528-5620.



Hans Christian Andersen's 'Snow Queen' comes to life.

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Stellar lineup for educational film festival

■ 'Educational' doesn't mean these films aren't entertaining.

By Renata Polt

The law of averages would seem to dictate that, of the many films in any film festival, a certain percentage will turn out to be dogs.

Video

I haven't seen every single picture to be screened at the upcoming 23rd National Educational Film & Video Festival (May 19 to 23), but of the healthy cross-section I had a chance to preview, I found not a single dud. Dog-catcher, look elsewhere.

As always, the festival focuses on documentaries about a variety of timely issues — the arts, minority concerns, AIDS, science — and the term "educational" is taken in its broadest sense. You'll learn something from watching most of these films, but you'll be entertained too.

Herewith a few highlights.

Some of the best films fit into no handy pigeonholes. Take, for instance, Marin County filmmaker Micha Peled's *Will My Mother Go Back To Berlin?* The film follows Israeli-born Peled on his personal journey to his mother's birthplace, Berlin, and then to Israel, where his mother emigrated in the 1930s.

Armed with an invitation from the mayor of Berlin, Peled aims to persuade his 80-year-old mother to return to her birthplace, a thing she has sworn she would never do. The film's title expresses its central "plot," and you have to watch it to find the answer.

David Collier's *For Better or For Worse* explores the relationships of five couples, including one gay couple and one black couple, who have been together 50 years or more. Warm, funny and candid, the couples discuss their premarital sex lives, their early quarrels and troubles, why they've stayed together, and much more.

Another picture that will make you feel good is Emma Joan Morris' *Something Within Me*, a portrait of South Bronx's St. Augustine's School for the Arts, where each child is required to study a



A scene from David Collier's 'For Better or For Worse,' a study of couples that have been together over 50 years

musical instrument.

A chubby inner city youngster talks lovingly about her cello; a class studies fractions and spelling while learning to read music. School boards, pay attention!

Co-director Paul Kwan (with Arnold Iger) starts *Anatomy of a Springroll* by saying "Food is something we can all understand. ... Food is everyone's first language." It's through food that the Vietnamese-born Kwan explores his culture.

Wonderful scenes of Vietnam contrast with scenes shot at a Berkeley outdoor culinary festival, to which Kwan takes his mother, and with charming animated scenes.

Valerie Soe's *Picturing Oriental Girls: a (Re)Educational Videotape* relies on clips from movies — *You Only Live Twice*, *The World of Susie Wong*, and others — to make its point that Asian women have been viewed as either passive and sexually exploitable or evil and crazy. It's a serious point, delivered with a light touch.

A little-known chapter in Oakland history is explored in Richard Heeger's *Pipe City*. A kind of Hooverville with a difference, Pipe City was just what its

name suggests — a collection of 6-foot lengths of sewer pipe discarded near the Oakland Estuary, which became home for indigent men during the '30s.

The "city" had a mayor, street names and regulations. Heeger interviews former neighbors; unfortunately he apparently was unable to find any actual former citizens of Pipe City.

This review has only scratched the surface of NEVF's rich offering. Films about minorities include *Columbus on Trial*; *Post No Bills, Hands on the Verdict*; *The 1992 Los Angeles Uprising*; and an examination of the Japanese-American experience, *Who's Gonna Pay for These Donuts Anyway?*

Notable people whose lives are examined are Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; labor leader Harry Bridges; the 14th Dalai Lama; Dr. Evelyn Hooker, whose studies resulted in the removal of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's list of "mental disorders"; and photographer Berenice Abbott.

Also, there are films you may have heard of but not had a chance to see: 1992 Academy Award winner *The Panama Deception* and the widely

reviewed *Children of Fate: Life and Death in a Sicilian Family*.

NEVF opens at Berkeley's U.C. Theatre on May 19 and continues at the Oakland Museum May 20 through 23, with showings also at San Francisco's Exploratorium May 22 and 23.

Prices for Oakland Museum screenings are \$5 per program, \$4 for Oakland Museum members, \$2 for seniors and students under 18, and free for children under 6. A day-long screening pass costs \$12, \$10 for Oakland Museum members, and \$6 for seniors and students under 18.

Exploratorium screenings are \$5 for a day-long pass, which includes admission to the museum. Opening night films at the U.C. Theatre cost \$6, and \$3.50 for seniors and children under 12. Admission includes the reception afterward at the Dining Room at the Shattuck Hotel.

Oakland Museum: 10th and Oak streets, Oakland. Ample underground parking. U.C. Theatre: 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. Exploratorium: McBean Theater, 3601 Lyon St., San Francisco.

For complete schedules of all screenings, or more information about the festival, contact Toni Hanna at 465-6885.

BBT program makes savvy use of dancers

■ The company is in the midst of purchasing the Julia Morgan Center.

By Renee Renouf

Berkeley Ballet Theater has housed its studios in the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts for the last 14 years. More recently they have started performing in the lovely old former sanctuary so imaginatively transformed into an intimate theater by Ben Drew and Lorraine Jong.

Dance

Four performances last weekend provided a chance to see what artistic director Raya Lee is doing with the able support of Sally Streets. The experience reinforced a previous estimate that Berkeley should be extremely pleased to claim this performing entity as a part of its cultural life.

As if producing well-trained young dancers were not enough, the organization now has undertaken to purchase the Julia Morgan Center and to raise \$60,000 by July 15 to cover immediate closing costs. If the artistic level of the company is balanced by community support, the Julia Morgan Center should flourish for many decades to come.

One of Raya Lee's directorial charms is her use of area-trained young professionals on staff and in the company. The dancers Lee Bell and David Kato have strong ties to Marin Ballet as does one of her dancers-instructors, Lauren

Jones, while school principal Penny Hatch has been affiliated a number of seasons with Ruth Langridge.

In the 1950s, when professional companies like Oakland and San Francisco had not been so firmly established, such collegial exchanges provided activity for talented dancers not involved with the larger companies. These dancers offered audiences variety. Their presence gives the area a richer dimension and viewpoint than simply the larger institutions by themselves.

Lee's work "Pictures at an Exhibition" to the Mussorgsky music provided an excellent vehicle to involve the student population of Berkeley Ballet Theater. It has been attempted by choreographers for professional ensembles with varying degrees of success, but Lee has made it into a stellar display piece for all ages attending BBT.

With a Zellerbach Family Fund to underwrite costume costs, the audience went from the Tuilleries gardens and the market at Limoges to newly hatched chickens, an oxcart, gnomes and the catacombs. Combining the promenade dancers with the pilgrims at the Great Gate of Kiev in the finale with the simple device of scarves that doubled as shawls was an excellent touch.

The surprise of the piece was the portrait "Two Men: Rich and Poor," featuring Robert Arthur Altman and Kelly Teo. Their body structure was of the Mutt and Jeff variety, line and elegance versus emotional eloquence and chunky virtuosity.

Physical fact was totally belied

by the phenomenal performance of Kelly Teo. His name on a program is reason enough to attend. He is the prototypical character dancer in the classic Russian tradition, the kind to dance everything from a joker and jester to Quasimodo in *Esmeralda*, Sancho Panza in *Don Quixote* and Alain in *La Fille Mal Gardée*.

When Teo starts to jump, one feels the kinesthetics of his impulse, the intake of breath, the wordless reason behind motion dynamics. His turnout, his port de corps and port de bras are all totally proportioned to his body so that one is aware of the mastery of line and their classical nature.

Teo is also interesting in how he uses his body, and in this he belongs to a great line of character dancers which includes Alexander Grant of the Royal Ballet. Teo promises great incisiveness of portrayal, and it's hardly surprising that the Joffrey Ballet has given him a full scholarship for summer study.

Sally Streets has a way with choreography when working with two dancers. Her long teaching experience gives her an objectivity which she translates into a display of dancers at their best.

Her "Chopin for Two" did elegant things for Lee Bell, whose blond elegance and slow grand manner requires particularity of presentation. The Minute Waltz finale for Bell and Penny Hatch was especially appealing.

Hatch also was pleasantly framed, although her port de bras, particularly in arabesque, is long on stretch and less on the slight rubato that makes the line look

straight but not tense.

To Benjamin Godard's music, Streets set a study of "Ephemeroptera" or "Mayflies" for Lauren Jonas and David Kato. I've never seen a mayfly in my life, but Streets gave Jonas a technical workout. Jonas is a whiz on supported pirouettes and other elements of virtuosity which seem the happy lot of small dancers. Streets exploited these perfectly.

For David Kato, Streets provided stretching movements, the hesitations one might expect in someone following the movements of a darling member of the moth family. He has rarely looked so good or performed with such assurance, all of which demonstrated Streets' choreographic savvy.

A restaging of Dom Orejudos' "A La Foire" gave the senior company members a chance to romp and show the deft side of situational comedy. Lee Bell and David Kato were particularly good as a Fickle Lad and Sandor, the Strong Man, while Kelly Teo's Balloon Seller possessed touches of the understated wonder of a Marceau.

Robert Arthur Altman and Enrique Alamillo Arias supported the principals with eloquence and verve.

For a spring performance, the absence of a heavy-duty dramatic work is not particularly missed. The variety and the quality of Berkeley Ballet Theater is definitely upbeat. If the organization can complete the requirements to purchase the Julia Morgan Center, their rhythm should be out of sight.

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'90s update on Vaudeville

Tomorrow night the **Arrowsmith Players** present the premiere of **Zay Amsbury's Vaudeville**, a series of comic vignettes about topics ranging from running away, to love and teen dating and being in love, to parent-child relationships. One of the vignettes, "McHeartbreak," concerns a romance between a girl working in a McDonald's and a boy who orders a certain sandwich. The romance founders when the sandwich is removed from the menu.

The performance is at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Durham Studio Theatre, located in UC's Dwinelle Hall. Tickets are \$6, available at the door. Call 540-0440 for more details. The Arrowsmith Players are students of the Arrowsmith Academy, a private secondary school in Berkeley. Amsbury is a senior at the school. Author Ishmael Reed called his earlier plays "brilliant."



Playwright Zay Amsbury

Aurora Theatre presents 'Gin Game'

Ken Grantham directs **Barbara and Bill Oliver** in D.L. Coburn's *The Gin Game* for the **Aurora Theatre Company**. The play won a Pulitzer and concerns two elderly characters battling each other over a card table. It opened yesterday and plays Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. (through June 6) at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$18 Friday and Saturday, \$15 other days. Call 843-4822 for reservations.

Langston Hughes pieces at Black Rep

The **Black Repertory Theatre Group** is performing *Short & Simple*, a compilation of short pieces by poet and playwright **Langston Hughes**. The pieces depict the life of the common black man in the 1940s, at the height of the jazz era and near the end of the Harlem Renaissance when big bands like those of Count Basie and Duke Ellington were in swing. *Short & Simple* opens tonight at 8 p.m., then plays Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 5 p.m., through June 27, at the Black Repertory Theater, 3201 Adeline St. (near Alcatraz), Berkeley. Tickets are \$10; call 652-2120 for reservations.

Jazz/comedy benefit for the Morgan

The **Julia Morgan Theater** needs a new roof, new doors, a new sign—you get the picture. To raise money, they're holding a benefit Saturday at 8 p.m. featuring music and comedy. The performers are **Lane Nishikawa** (known for *I'm On a Mission for Buddha*), who's deserting the Asian American Theater for a night to host the show and offer his own work; **The Bobs**, a group of five nominally named Bob who offer tight harmony and offbeat humor; **Keith Terry and Crossfire** (see below); and comedian **Josh Kornbluth**, who'll present a new monologue, "The Mathematics of Change." The show is preceded by a champagne reception with the performers. Tickets for the show only are \$25; for reception and show, \$35. Call 84-JULIA to reserve them. The theater is at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley.

Jazz and classics at the Maybeck

There are two concerts this weekend at the Maybeck Recital Hall. On Saturday, bassist **George Mraz** and pianist **Adam Makovicz** join forces: "Adam's Tatum-esque virtuosity (is) greatly complemented by George, considered by many of his peers to be the greatest bassist of the day," says jazz pianist Dick Whittington. The concert is at 8 p.m.; admission is \$25. (The performance will be recorded for the Concord Jazz/Maybeck series.)

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, the **Streicher Trio** (fortepianist **Charlene Brendler**, violinist **Carla Moore** and cellist **Sarah Freiberg**) perform two Mozart trios (K. 254 and K. 502) and one by Haydn (XV:29) on period instruments. Admission is \$15. The recital hall is at 1537 Euclid Ave. (at the corner of Buena Vista); call 848-3228 for reservations.

Latin-American and African-American music at the Magnes Museum

Guitarist **Rafael Manrikas** plays new and traditional music of Latin America at 7 p.m. tonight at the Judah L. Magnes Museum. On Sunday at 4 p.m., **Teryl Saunders**, vocalist and pianist, presents African-American folk music at the museum, which is located at 2911 Russell St. (east of College Avenue), Berkeley. Both performances are free. Call 549-6950 for more details. The Museum has several ongoing art exhibits as well as a rich permanent collection of Jewish art and historic artifacts. It is open Sundays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keith Terry & Crossfire at Ashkenaz

Crossfire, a new quintet of drummers from various musical traditions, will perform twice in the next week in the East Bay. Their performances combine jazz, Afro-Cuban and Senegalese drumming, Balinese gamelan and music of the Middle East, among other traditions; the drummers also sing and dance.

On Saturday they take part in the "Jazz Up Julia!" benefit at the Julia Morgan Theater (see notice above).

On Sunday at 8 p.m., they appear at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6. For more details, call 559-9797.



Susu Pampanin, left, Raymond Graham, Keith Terry, Edgardo Cambon and Jacqueline Rago, the members of Crossfire

Relating humans to rocks, protozoa, stars

By Ariel Parkinson

Like many before them, choreographer **Kathryn Roszak** and composer **Christopher Castle** take on the challenge of art as ritual, and they are thinking big: **ANIMA MUNDI, SOUL OF THE WORLD**.

Dance

Like very few in these most heathen times, they bring it off. The audience Friday night at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley knew that in the hour-and-some duration of the piece, something important had transpired.

Part of the spell is in the place. A "set" in drama and in dance is a means of focusing attention on the protagonist. The lines of force in Christian architecture lead inexorably to the space around the altar, to the altar, to the cross.

This cross, the "set piece," revealed half its strong white vertical—the top half was a curving eruption of fresh blood-red flowers. Half of the intersecting horizontal shaft was light-struck foliage, gold and green.

Focus and high seriousness: the subject of **ANIMA MUNDI** is the evolution and structure of the phenomenal world, the universe. Like, "In the beginning the world was without form and void...."

In this beginning a beautiful woman lights two candles supported by twisted root forms on the altar. From the darkness a flute begins to play—arcing, whispery, seductive, increasingly urgent.

Hans Christian Reumschuessel, cellist (out of Durer), enters and sits by his instrument. Mazatl Galindo, flautist, appears, still piping, and takes his place.

Drawn by the flute three dancers crouch, stretch and tumble onto the lighted altar-stage. Dressed in gray, red-shot unitards with loose hoods that suppress the face, they are magma, protozoa.

They tend to circle shapes, to radial symmetry; there is no particular differentiation between arms and legs, just four motor extensions from the body. Their entering music is the grinding sinister resonance of the organ in all its uninflected power.

Exit brachiopods coalesced into one lumbering organism with six "legs," and enter two bodies in white unitards airbrushed with diagonals of mossy green and tan. Life has reached the stage of bilateral symmetry, intentionally directed movement, and of sexuality, male and female, two who become one.

Their shapes and movement are balletic without artifice, Asian without mannerism.

The third stage of **ANIMA** is human. A slender shaman enters carrying another icon, the great branching antlers of an elk. She wears "clothes": flanged pants and a loose stole extend the body. The borrowed power of the antlers, piercing the dark, is placed next to the totem of the flowering cross.

Four more dancers, a kind of folk, join the shaman in a gymnastic, intensely rhythmic dance. There are somersaults, one-armed cartwheels, wild hilarity, apprehension, expectation, fear. The cellist takes up an electric rock guitar. Galindo sings.

And so it goes—from **MAGMA, ROOT, AND SHAMAN** to **ICON, ANGELS, STARS**. These are section titles from the program, but you do not need them. The progression is clear, and clearly

articulated in the images of creatures moving, in the controlled and radical sequence of the music.

Full-bodied **Uzoamaka Nzerem**, black, in a beautifully cut red silk unitard, achieves somehow a stunning innocence as "ICON." **Vismaya Lhi** is her appealing, singing context, moving intently and yet distantly around her. **Scott and Fraga** are "ANGELS," and then, joined by the remaining dancers, "STARS."

The audience recognized that something important had transpired.

They are skyeey elemental spirals, moving in harmony and separateness, getting their bearings in Elysium. In a final union the blue and white of the seven stars is joined by **Nzerem's** earth-saturated red.

A distinguished California winemaker told me once it wasn't so much what he did right, but that he didn't do anything wrong. He meant that he had no secret formulae. He observed the basic process simply and directly, with integrity.

Roszak and Castle have an important concept. It is time to state as a central universal tenet that human beings are part of the dynamic web of life, that they are related to, inseparable from rock, one-celled animals, the force that moves the sun and the other stars.

To demonstrate this identity composer and choreographer deploy their means simply and

directly. Dancers and music both are beautiful. The choreography is expressive, various, appropriate and to capacities, some of them considerable. No bodily how become silk purses.

The music is inventively exquisitely chosen, played, posed. Cello, electric guitar, synthesizer, organ, wooden piano, Tibetan brass bowls and noisemakers, a conch sounds like a San Francisco horn that has spent four years in the Conservatory—and movement and no sound is just for virtuosity.

No sick artifice. No encoding of the obvious. The element is directed to, support of the thrust and structure of the piece.

One last comment on ritual. Something important was transferred and shared, and audience and venue must be conducive to that end. At the Unitarian Church of Berkeley the message got across. The physical habit of the assumed a further, not a communion.

Here, on this western hill the soul of the world is in part, accessible; nature, in form, is still a present force. **ANIMA MUNDI** had developed where the self-actual structures of society had totally replaced the structures metaphysics and of the world.

All the more important place that doesn't yet know metropolis to take its own work seriously. Perhaps why **Uzoamaka Nzerem** appears so innocent. She did not know, either, her own meaning.

David K.C. Wood retires; founder of UC dance department

By Renee Renouf

After a dancing sojourn of 25 years on the UC-Berkeley campus, **David K.C. Wood** received a warm retirement celebration May 11 by friends, colleagues and students. Wood, a former member of the Martha Graham Company, started the UC-Berkeley dance department in 1968.

Former students, a retired administrative assistant and students' offspring helped swell the numbers in the main studio, formerly the sanctuary of Berkeley's First Unitarian Church. The building has ties to Bernard Maybeck, onetime congregation member. Maybeck's contribution to the former Unitarian complex

was razed during the construction of Zellerbach.

Collen Egan, an instructor in the department, presided over the occasion. She introduced this writer, who claimed the longest acquaintance with Wood.

I recalled a high school church camp skit which Wood, then a Fresno resident, masterminded. It was my introduction to modern dance.

The department's ensemble, introduced by **Marnie Wood**, followed, dancing a section of the chorus from Graham's "Night Journey." **Marnie Wood** commented she intended it as a surprise, but **David Wood** kept arriving on the scene.

"But your presence made it 14

times better, so maybe I just should have had you there all along," Wood said.

Josie Moseley, an instructor at the Shawl-Anderson studio, premiered a solo choreographed for the occasion by **Remy Charlip**. Both music and gestures were Art Deco in ambience.

Merrill Collins and **Cara Bradbury Marcus**, the department's musicians, contributed direction and comments. Collins recalled jotting down Wood parables while accompanying class and provided a schema for performers on this occasion. Wood remarked

in a class, "Let us not be lacking in ecstasy." Dancers decided to demonstrate the gem to rhythmic accompaniment.

The finale was provided by Professor **Dunbar Ogden**, toasted as follows: "Saul has his thousands; but David has thousands; the Keops, Martha's Vineyard, the Poobah, the Mahamabab, Graham Cracker—David Wood."

David and Marnie Wood summer in New York. Wood will teach summer classes at the Graham School.

Oakland Museum will train docents

The Oakland Museum Docent Council is seeking applicants for its new art and ecology classes. Docents are tour guides who provide skilled interpretation of museum exhibits.

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The art class will be given at

the museum every Monday a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from September 13 through June 13 and will be given every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. from September 23 through October 17, 1994.

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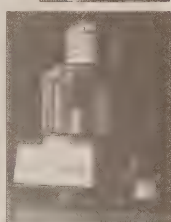
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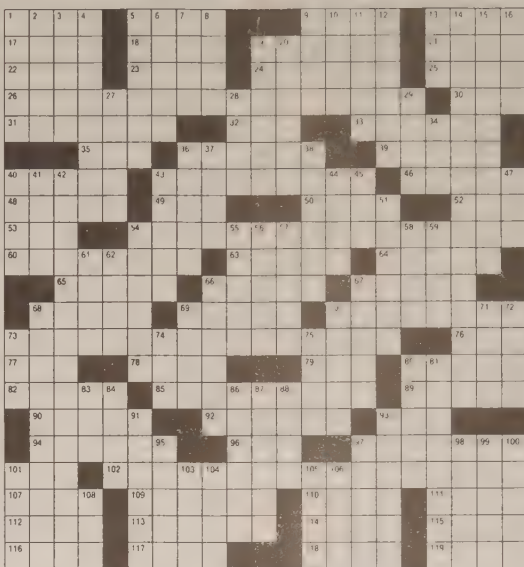
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New York Times Magazine Crossword Puzzle

GENETIC JUMBLE

BY ROBERT H. WOLFE/EDITED BY EUGENE T. MALESKA

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dabs
5 New Testament book
9 Genetically depilated
13 Ukr. et al. once
17 Mormons' state
18 Track event
19 Muffet frightener
21 Concert halls
22 Peaked Zebulon
23 Phrontistery product
24 Genetically abnormal one
25 He was Devine?
26 Clark's show?
30 Kalline and Simmons
31 Pupil
32 "Ich bin — Berliner"
33 Silk fabric
35 Hawaiian hawks
36 Precisely
39 Pen-shaped, pointed instruments
40 Pont's partner
43 Erotic dancer?
46 Menachem's co-Nobel list for Peace: 1978
48 End of a Stein line
- 49 Uris hero
50 Shakespearean villain
52 Lennon's wife
53 Cat call
54 Time piece?
60 A practice of David
63 A "Treasure Island" sea dog
64 Cicero
65 Privations
66 Kind of geometry
67 Wayne's was green
68 Ferber and Millay, genetically
69 Highway behemoths
70 Delers' choices
73 Battle style?
76 — up (relish)
77 Title in Trabzon
78 Parnassian number
79 Slick, with or without pics
80 Alla —
82 Sexual
85 Prestidigitator's tool?
89 Do a tailor's job
90 "M*A*S*H" character
92 Periods for Aries and Taurus
93 "A Few Good
94 Macaws
96 Some M.I.T. grads
- 97 Most insensitive
101 Ht.
102 Grounds beautifier?
107 Berth
109 Reese and Street
110 Upbraid
111 By — (mechanically)
112 Flog, in a way
113 Birthright
114 Diab and d'Yeu
115 Lamb of pork fame
116 Part of R.P.I.
117 Ovid's "it was"
118 Sulky
119 Harangue
- DOWN**
- 1 Of an insect's stage
2 — to be born
3 — powder (flee)
4 Spanish wines
5 Vestments worn at the neck
6 Type of chest
7 Ager of parents?
8 Attempt
9 Some cover-ups
10 This leads to 41 Down
11 Affords temporarily
12 Utters monotonously
13 Kind of buster
14 Incense sources?
- 15 New coalition after the first failed
16 Word after Simon
19 Soundness, to Skinner
20 Carpenter's power machine
27 — ear and ...
28 Fir or pine board
29 Square column
34 Branch of physics: Abbr.
36 Like the White Rabbit
37 Swedish actress
38 Spiced film, etc.
40 Nightingale's prop
41 These may produce speiss
42 —
43 Orange-red gems
44 Slangy negatives
45 Actuary's concern
47 S Korea
51 Almond-flavored syrup
54 Boy sponsored at a baptism
55 S. A. snake
56 — acid (a vitamin)
57 Unequal Comb form
58 Canine crossbreeds
59 Place
61 First name of 37 Down
- 62 Crux
66 American milkwort
67 Portuguese city
68 Contemporary of Henry Wadsworth
69 Grit?
70 Israel's Abba and family
71 Overhang
- 72 Ratatouille, e.g.
73 Beldam
74 Play by E. E. Cummings
75 DX x V
80 C. G. Norris novel
81 Actor or mason
83 Greek peak
84 Hubbell of Cooperstown
- 86 Source of emetine
87 Having wrinkles
88 Something frail
91 Interweave
93 Most simple, least
95 Villain's contortion
97 Office appliance
- 98 — Gay
99 Begin, as winter
100 Delicacy
101 Spore sacs
103 Rootless plant
104 Bedstaff
105 Author Ambler
106 Inaugural ball, e.g.
108 Socks, to Chelsea



Produce Profiles

Notes, quotes and anecdotes

Guido's version of the popular "Jeopardy" TV show: "Produce potpourri for \$100, Alex."

Ding, ding, ding ... a Daily Double!

"This produce item was once commonly known as the alligator pear." (Find the question at the end of this column.)

I'm not much for trivia, but I always have a curious ear when it comes to produce. So today, let's tromp together through some notes, quotes and anecdotes from the produce world.

For almost 300 years, tomatoes were thought to be poisonous. From the mid-1500s to the early 1800s, no one in any great numbers bothered to eat the fruit! But gardeners with an eye for beauty did grow them as ornamentals.

You say you don't want to paint the side of your house this summer? Grow an "indeterminate" variety of tomato plant. They will grow, spread, vine and pretty much take over until winter's frost kills them.

Heard at a veggie conference: "The average mouthful of food traveled 1,000 miles before it got to your fork." If that means the average Joe and Jane U.S. consumer, it's not that surprising. California produces 80 percent to 99.9 percent of about 20 different crops.

Here's one every back yard farmer should know: What's the difference between a green onion (scallion) and the tear inducers rolling around in your bread drawer? Green onions are picked very young. If left in the ground, you'll end up with familiar globe-shaped onions.

Let's get back to our roots! Eat purple carrots. That was the original color. Yellow ones probably followed, but the orange ones were the most popular. Ever use sugar to cut the acid of tomato-based concoctions? Next time, try adding a shredded half a carrot or so for that sweet touch.

Cabbage—it's not just for coleslaw anymore! Pre mega-millionaire baseball players used to cool down their noggins on a hot summer's day by lining their caps with cabbage leaves.

Where would McDonald's be without Thomas Jefferson? Seems Tommy brought over the idea of "French fried" potatoes from gay Paris way, way back in the 1780s. It took about 150 years for them to catch on, but once they did ... Let's put it another way — McD's is the single largest customer for russet potatoes in the country.



GUIDO THE GARDENER

Can anyone tell me if the berry is the only fruit that carries its seeds on the outside?

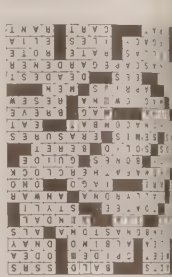
What color do we associate with cotton? White, right? Originally, cotton came in a sort of colors, but it was more popular because it was bleached and then color. To avoid these environmentally unfriendly bleaching experiments, some people revive these almost forgotten, naturally colored cotton varieties.

It's the same in produce, as it is at the singles box. Appearance is everything. In the U.S., oranges are, in fact, People buy color. In the rest of the world, they tend to be on the side, but still ripe and ready. Like boxing promoter Don King, "Only in America."

And now, back to "Jeopardy." "Sorry you bet your money on Wendell. No, the alligator pear does not describe a cherimoya, guess. The correct question is an avocado? Please, a deck of Old Maid playing a lovely parting gift."

"I'm thrilled Alex, thrilled."

Guido the Gardener, who is with the whole produce division of Whole Foods Market, you have a produce question to Guido in care of Hills Publications, 6208 La Salle, Oakland 94611.



Democrats show strong environmental record

Bay City News

Assembly members Tom Bates and Robert Campbell were among state legislators earning high marks for their voting records on environmental issues in the California League of Conservation Voters annual Legislative Voting Chart, released last week.

With the exception of a couple of districts, the Bay Area is represented by some of the strongest environmentalists in the state Legislature, according to the league.

Scoring 100 percent were Assembly members Tom Bates, Robert Campbell, Delaine Eastin, Johan

Klehs, Barbara Lee, Byron Sher, Jackie Speir, John Vasconcellos and state Sen. Dan McCorquodale.

That these perfect-scorers are Democrats reinforces the league's other findings, which show that a partisan split on environmental issues is at an all time high.

According to the report, which reviews performance on 34 priority environmental bills, Democrats in the Assembly vote in favor of environmental protection 93 percent of the time while Republicans support environmental protection only 12 percent of the time.

The report shows similar figures

for the Senate, with Democrats voting in favor of environmental protection 81 percent of the time and Republicans voting similarly 27 percent of the time.

In addition, the number of 0 percent scores skyrocketed this year with 13 zero scores in the Assembly (up from 4 last year) and two in the Senate (up from 2 last year).

Sam Schuchat, executive director of the league said, "We are disappointed to report that the split between Democratic and Republican lawmakers on the environment has reached such record-setting proportions.

"This is the first time in the 19-

year history of our annual voting chart that Republicans and Democrats have drifted so far apart on the subject of environmental protection."

The figures prompted the league to issue a warning along with its report results, saying that continued polarization of the state Legislature could spell disaster for environmental protection in California.

According to the league, bills to protect park and wildlife habitat, control urban sprawl, and finance groundwater clean-up were killed last year because of the Legislature's polarization.

The league describes the voting chart as a publication produced in consultation with lobbyists from environmental public interest organizations to create more accountability between voters and their representatives in state government.

Legislators' scores are also used by the league when evaluating candidates for possible election endorsement.

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AUSD Report

By Julie Winkelstein

Every seat was taken at the Albany Unified School District Board of Education meeting May 17.

"Status Report - 1993/94 Enrollment," was the issue that brought many parents to the meeting.

Superintendent J. Dale Hudson said the two major crises in enrollment are in the elementary schools and the middle school. Questions that need to be addressed, he said, are: 1) Where to put new elementary classes and 2) how to remove the relocatables at AMS and go on with early construction.

Hudson said about \$8.5 million in bonds can be sold in the next three years, but planning and initiating construction at the middle school will be hindered by the timeline with the state architect. Design planning can take eight or nine months, and the project itself can take another eight or nine months.

Accordingly, other options for the middle school are being considered. These include:

- Double sessions, meaning some students would attend from 7 a.m. to noon, and others from noon to 5 p.m.
- Staggered schedules, similar to the "early bird, late bird" schedules at the elementary schools
- Anywhere from three to six portables in the parking lot
- Leasing land from UC Berkeley

Terry Corpuz, AMS principal, said the budge in enrollment right now is in the fifth grade. Last year there were seven and a half fifth-grade sections, this year there are eight. Also, she looked at the enrollment, doing a historical analysis going back about five years, which indicated the middle school traditionally grows approximately one class between sixth and seventh grade each year. It is projected there will be 750 students at AMS next year, and it was built for about 500.

Corpuz said two problems involve locating the portables, and what to do about non-classroom time, which she defined as P.E., lunch, passing time and rainy days.

One parent asked how parents will be involved in the ongoing discussions and decisions. Corpuz said parents could call the middle school and asked to be put on the site committee, which will be considering the present problems as well as planning for the future.

During the public comment period of the meeting, one parent informed the board she would never have known a schedule change was being considered if she hadn't received a flyer at the recent Albany Middle School play.

The board meeting agenda also included the following business:

- Assistant Superintendent

Elizabeth Heimbichner gave a brief overview of the goals of the Comprehensive Health Task Force.

She said health education is complex, and goes beyond the classroom. Using an overhead projector, she talked about "health literacy," which includes: 1) individual responsibility 2) respect for promotion of health for others 3) how health occurs 4) having enough information to make intelligent decisions.

She said task force members were looking at their own wellness as employees, and hoping to pass that on to the students. They brought in someone to talk about "promoting a sense of wellness for ourselves individually, thereby hoping to build our own sense of community and increase our own knowledge."

Other goals are developing a criteria for evaluating instructional materials and looking at the articulation of health with other subject areas, such as science, math, P.E., and performing arts.

Task force members include teachers, counselors, a community member, a parent and administrators.

Heimbichner said she anticipates more parent participation in the task force next year.

Ariel Myers, in his student representative report, said there is a "need for a conflict resolution

group and peer counseling" at AHS. He referred to the recent shooting incident, when a former AHS student was shot and killed.

"I believe the framework exists," he said. "We've been doing the Oakland Men's Project and Ralph Cantor has been involved." He said this isn't the first time he has brought up this subject: He has talked to both Virginia Behm, the principal at the high school, and Ralph Cantor. So far, he said, nothing has been done.

Cost of repairs to the Albany Pool, under repair since early April, will be about \$27,000. This will be paid for by a carryover from this last year's operations. The pool is expected to open June 1.

Hudson presented information on the cost and income of the pool; fees there have not changed since June 1991.

Peggy McQuaid, director of Albany Pool, was at the meeting to answer any questions. Boardmember Ed McManus questioned changing the two-tiered fee schedule for swim classes: one for Albany residents and one for non-residents. McQuaid said that policy had been changed because Albany residents no longer contribute to the pool as they once did, therefore she saw no point in having two different rates.

McManus said he thought that even though the pool pays for it-

self, the district "carries the risk" of there being an emergency they would have to fund.

Alan Riffer said he "failed to see the logic" of this. But after some discussion, it was agreed to keep the differential for now, and maybe examine the issue again next year.

The board approved an increase in the full-cost fees for the Albany Children's Center for 1993/94. These new fees will be effective July 1, 1993, and will increase the revenue of the Children's Center by about \$5,200 per year.

The summer school program was approved. Grades kindergarten through fourth will be at Marin School, and five through eight and proficiency classes at AMS. There will be no classes at the high school because of construction.

Also, the teacher stipend for the summer school was increased from \$1,500 to \$1,650.

\$500 was donated by Deems Lewis McKinley, architects. The donor requested the money be used for a scholarship for a 1993 AHS graduate who is planning to major in architecture in college.

The board approved a field trip to Ashland, Ore., for eleven high school students, accompanied by Les Rogers.

As a follow-up to the last meeting, Heimbichner presented

more information on the employer/employee workshop attended by Ed McManus, new Albany Teachers Association President Don DePasquale, Nancy Bowen and herself.

She explained that "interest bargaining" is based on the books *Getting to Yes* and *Getting Together*. Underlying these is the idea that to be able to negotiate, there "needs to be a strong level of trust." She described a few of the precepts of this kind of training.

She added that how many days of training AUSD would require would depend on how the district is assessed by the trainers.

DePasquale said the executive board of the ATA is in favor of a training, and "would like to participate in the selection and the process."

MacGregor High School has proposed using relocatables, with Cougar Field as their new site. This would give them the autonomy they require and would also make it possible for them to again work with MacGregor Elementary School, as they had so successfully in the past.

The first sale of bonds occurred on May 11, 1993. The interest rate was 5.45621, a little lower than hoped.

School/site council 1993/94 plans will be submitted to the board at the next meeting on May 25.

Letters continued from page 2

Tree (Camphor cinnamonomum)

I think that I shall never see such a fracas caused by a tree. A tree whose acrid pollen is presteep in the walls of a woman's chest. A tree that looks at God all day and prays humanity will let her stay. A tree that just this spring did wear a nest of hornets in hair. Upon whose bosom man's quarrel has lain, who lives intimately among the insane. Poems are penned by folks like we, but God only knows what to do about that tree.

Anonymous

With a deep respect for

Sergeant Joyce Kilmer

165th Infantry (69th New York), A.E.F.

(Born December 6, 1886; killed in action near Ourcy, July 30, 1918)

Expert opinion offered

The Journal received a copy of the following letter addressed to the concerned citizens of Albany.

I am writing at the request of Mr. Stephen Vernon, Albany resident who I have known for years to be very competent and socially concerned person. I write this as a physician and international expert on drug abuse — including cigarette smoking; and university professor teaching courses ranging from drug to conflict management to ethics. When one suffers allergic symptoms there are hundreds of possible causes, most of which can be easily (skin) tested for. House dust and one or more of the several thousand chemicals (arsenic, cyanide, sulfur, nicotine, carbon monoxide, etc.) in cigarette smoke are common allergens. As we all know from many studies of second-hand smoke, cigarette smoke "hangs around" and remains present in the immediate environment even when one is not presently smoking.

In short, it is difficult to ascertain causes of respiratory problems in the presence of a smoking habit

and absent a rigorous exam. At a minimum "satisfactory evidence" of allergic reaction should include reports of skin tests, medical exam and history, dietary habits and environmental review.

Such reports, preferably from an allergy specialist, should include what allergens were tested for; what kind of tests; did they include main chemicals in camphor, tobacco smoke, house dust, etc.; what was the relative strengths of the reactions.

In so far as grasses or trees seem to be producing allergic symptoms this is likely only during pollen producing periods and only after other probable causes are ruled out. If trees are a factor, branches and limbs closest to the residence should be removed before the entire tree.

Other measures that might help are room air filters and/or air conditioning in the house and yard clean-up, perhaps assisted by the community.

If this conflict cannot be resolved through medical and scientific knowledge and/or neighbor to neighbor cooperation, I hope all involved will utilize formal mediation/arbitration.

Joel Fort, M.D.

Former Drug Abuse Consultant

United Nations and World Health Organization

Committee is representative

Editor:

The letter from Nezar AlSaiyyad which appeared in the Journal, announcing his resignation from the Albany Waterfront Committee, completely ignores the major factor in current waterfront planning.

Last year the California legislature passed the bill to create the Eastshore State Park. The law that was passed gives the job of planning and developing the park to the East Bay Regional Park District. But it also provides for "consultation with the cities and their citizens."

The Albany Waterfront Committee is working to make that "consultation" provision a reality. A program to acquaint the citizens of Albany with their waterfront, and to gather their opinions on the design of the park, will soon be in operation.

Professor AlSaiyyad says he wants a committee that will ignore "citizens' wish lists". The Waterfront Committee is planning to actively encourage any citizen who has a "wish list" to present it. After every citizen or group of citizens in Albany has had a chance to express their ideas, the committee hopes to draw up a plan for the Albany portion of the park and present it to the Albany City Council. If the council approves it after the appropriate public hearings have been held, it can then be given to the Park District for their consideration in the park planning process.

Professor AlSaiyyad speaks of the need for "consensus-building." In my opinion, the voters of Albany have twice indicated what the "consensus" is in Albany. When they overwhelmingly voted for the Citizens Waterfront Initiative in 1990 they clearly indicated their mistrust of plans for large scale commercial development on the Albany shoreline.

In 1992 they overwhelmingly elected Mike Brodsky to the City Council, and Mike's platform throughout the election campaign, from the first day to the last, stressed his support for the park on the Albany shoreline.

As in some other areas of public life, there are still a few who "just don't get it".

Bob Arnold

Member of the Albany Waterfront Committee

Short-sighted solution

Editor:

I am appalled by Janet Sears' request to the City of Albany that stately, 50- to 70-year-old trees be destroyed because of her allergies. These trees are located on city property; therefore are owned and are to be enjoyed by the public. Mrs. Sears' offer to replace the trees and to financially reimburse the city for their removal is moot. There are some issues in this world that should not be addressed by mere replacement or costs; and, trees that have taken a lifetime to grow are most definitely categorized as such. I suggest that Mrs. Sears' solution to her medical problem is short-sighted and selfish at best. There are approximately 17,000 people who live in Albany and I believe it would be an atrocity to annihilate such magnificent

beauty simply because of one person's discomfort. Perhaps exercise would help this allergy patient as it does for one of my family members who is allergic to - Trees! I agree with many other Albany residents — the trees should stay. I hear that Arizona has an excellent environment and climate for those people who choose to solve their allergy problems in a responsible manner.

Kathy Gray
Albany

Planning for the Hill

The Voice received a copy of the following letter to citizens of Albany.

You can make a difference in preserving open space on Albany Hill, and other conservation projects throughout California.

Supporters of open space on Albany Hill and its subsequent stewardship, have been successful in having their project included in CALPAW 94, the California Parks & Wildlife Initiative. With passage of the initiative, a grant of \$5 million will be given to the City of Albany for land acquisition on Albany Hill. Citizens To Protect Albany Hill and other conservation groups will be collecting signatures throughout the summer of '93 to get this initiative on the June 1994 ballot. CALPAW 94 is a follow-up to Proposition 70 and is being organized by the Planning and Conservation League.

Please come to an orientation meeting to see how you can help. Everyone's signature is needed. If you live within the viewshed of Albany Hill come on over. Janet Michaelson, Regional Coordinator of CALPAW 94, and I, Save Albany Hill Trust Fund founder, and Citizens to Protect Albany Hill will conduct this meeting.

Orientation meeting: May 22, 10 a.m. to noon, Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic.

Carole Fitzgerald

Your Basic Bird turns 12 years old



Business Focus

MAGGIE SHARPE

There's a whole new breed of commuters travelling our highways that most people don't even know about. They eat infant formula and like as much love as any newborn babe.

The "commuters" are actually baby birds and they're travelling with their "mother," Claudia Moudry, co-owner, with her husband Robert Hunka, of Your Basic Bird. Moudry has raised many of the store's 200 birds from just a few days old, feeding them by hand every four to six hours until they're full-

feathered and ready to be weaned. Domestically-raised, hand-fed birds are the store's specialty. "When a bird is raised by people, it makes a better companion," says Moudry. "It is not afraid of people as a bird brought in from the wild would be."

This month Moudry and Hunka are celebrating Your Basic Bird's 12th anniversary. To mark the occasion, they are offering 12 percent off all supplies with a minimum \$50 purchase through the end of May.

Moudry says the birds get "an enormous amount of love and care" from her and her eight-person staff. "Talking to the birds may make us seem a little mad," she says, "but it maintains that connection with people that the birds learn when they're young."

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Performances

"Joyful Noise in a Righteous Key: A Brief History of the American Labor Movement in Song," will be presented at Berkeley Repertory Theatre Monday, May 24 at 8 p.m. The symposium with music is scheduled in conjunction with Berkeley Rep's production of "Mother Jones; The Most Dangerous Woman in America" at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, through May 30. 845-4733.

"Short & Simple," shorter works of Langston Hughes, will be performed by the Black Repertory Group tonight through June 27, Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., and Saturday matinees, 2:30 p.m. \$10. 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. 652-2120.

Durham Studio Theatre, UC Berkeley, hosts Anowamth Players' performance of Zay Amshury's "Vaudeville" on Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. 540-0440.

"The Snow Queen," a children's opera, premieres tonight, May 20, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Performances are at 8 p.m. through Saturdays, with matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$10/\$7.50. 528-5620.

La Pena — Thursday, May 20: Mexican and Cuban music with Fiesta del 60n, featuring Gilberto Gutierrez, Fito Reynoso, Eugene Rodriguez, Octavio Vega and friends, 7:30 p.m., \$7; May 21: World Beat music with Aloudish & the Human Exchange, 8:30 p.m., \$8/\$9; May 22: Andean music with Inkuyo, 8:30 p.m., \$10; May 28: Chicano/Latin hip hop and rap with Aztlan Nation & Full Deck, 9 p.m., \$7. For kids: Amiguitos presents Colibrí, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22. \$3/\$2. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Flashpoint Productions presents an improv comedy show Wednesday and Thursday, May 26-27, 7:30 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. \$5. 235-1974.

Berkeley Rep previews Noel Coward's Private Lives May 8, 11 at 8 p.m., May 12 at 8 p.m. \$19 for previews. Opening is May 12. 845-4733.

Motivty Studio hosts "Dance Vibrations" by Move the Roots on May 22-23 at 8:30 p.m. \$7-\$12. 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 415-775-5663.

The Strelcher Trio presents "Mozart and Maybeck" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid, Berkeley. \$15. Reservations requested.

Ashkenaz — Tonight, May 20: Tempest, 9 p.m., \$5; May 21: California Cajon Orchestra, 9:30 p.m., \$8; May 22: Caribbean Allstars, 9:30 p.m., \$8; May 23: Crossfire (Keith Terry's new quintet of drummers), 8 p.m., \$6; May 25: Motor Dude Zydeco, 9 p.m., and dance lesson at 8 p.m., \$5; May 26: Gene Gilbeaux, 9 p.m., and dance lesson at 8 p.m., \$6; May 27: Bayou Pon Pon, 9 p.m., \$5; May 28: Crazy, 11 p.m., and Tropical Vibrations, 9:30 p.m., \$8; May 29: Wozobia, 9:30 p.m., \$7; May 30: Danny Poullard, 9 p.m., \$6. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 526-7858.

Hausmusik presents Flauti Diversi, a benefit workshop for the San Francisco Early Music Society's Recorder Workshop. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, St. Albany's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. \$15/\$13/\$10. 524-5661.

Kimball's hosts Angela Bofill through May 23; Patti Austin opens May 26. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 658-2555.

Freight & Salvage tonight, May 20: Dave Van Ronk; May 21: Savina; May 22: The All Girl Boys; May 26: The Aux Cajunals; May 27: The Fairfield Four; May 28: Judy Small; May 29: Chuck Prophet and the The Creatures of Habit. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

"Jazz Up Julia" is a benefit performance for the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Featured are The Bobs, Keith Terry & Crossfire, Josh Kornbluth; Lane Nishikawa is host. \$25 for show; \$35 includes reception. 84-JULIA.

Starry Plough welcomes tonight, May 20: Numinous Fools, Esme's Dream; May 21: Frankie Five Finger, Go Van Gogh; May 22: Chris Gaffney, Los Pinkies; May 23: 510-TV benefit, Varnaig DeForest, Chix Dig Me, El Sob. Mondays: Traditional Irish dance and music sessions beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: Darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Rafael Manrikas, guitarist, plays Latin American music tonight, May 20, 7-9 p.m.; Sunday, May 23, 4-6 p.m.: Teryl Saunders, vocalist and pianist, presents African American folk music. At the Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Free. 548-6950.

Tea Spot Cafe presents gay and lesbian comedy with Shan Carr, Suzy Berger and Hank Donat, with McLisa Geduldig on May 22, 9 p.m. \$7. 2072 San Pablo, Berkeley. 848-7376.

Kimball's Carnival presents West African High Life band tonight, May 20. On May 21: Los Franco Bros. and Orchestra Actualidad; May 22: Los Kimbos; May 26: Mango Jam; May 27: Zulu Spear. \$8-\$12. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville.

Terrace Bar, Claremont Hotel Report — May 25: John Allair; May 26: Pamela/Nate Ginsburg; May 27: Keta Bill Trio; May 28-29: The Invisible Band. Music begins 6:30 on Tuesdays, and 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. 549-8576.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Himalayan Fair — the 10th annual — takes place at Live Oak Park, Shattuck and Berryman in Berkeley, May 22-23, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$3. 527-3960.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents "Mozart's Women: Theme and Variations," a play by Reila Lossy, Sunday, May 23, 5 p.m.

1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 848-0237.

New Pieces classes — May 25-June 8, Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m.: "Miniature House Quilt" with Diane Siefert, \$30; May 26-June 3, Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m.: "Roomscaapes" with Mary Mashuta, \$50. 1587 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

"From Then to Now" is East Bay Heritage Quilters' topic when Yvonne Porcella talks on her evolution from wearable artist to quilt artist. May 24, 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, Kensington.

Kensington Senior Center hosts Joseph Ball, D.C., on spinal health care for seniors. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Gathering Tribes, 1309 F Solano Ave., hosts a mini pow wow tonight, May 20, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$20; May 21: Open mike for poets, 7 p.m., \$3; May 26: Beadwork with R. Tomaskin. 528-9038.

Berkeley Hiking Club May 23: Mount Diablo, 8:30 a.m., Bill King and Anne Diller (376-5095); mini-hike: Abbott's Lagoon, 9 a.m., Marianne Noland (540-5050) and Mary Meade (525-0893).

Salvation Army celebrates Salvation Army Week with a community block party on Thursday, May 20, 5-8 p.m. at 1535 University Ave., Berkeley.

Harding School Carnival — Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 7230 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito.

At REI: "Classic Mountain Biking Destinations" with Bob Ward is the topic for tonight, May 20, 7 p.m. Next week, May 27: "Backpacking Basics" with Rich Davies. Free. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Cody's Books — May 20: Helena Norberg-Hodge: *Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh*, 8 p.m. Poetry at Cody's May 23: Carol Muske Dukes; May 26: Ed Sanders, at 8 p.m. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Ornitho-Musical Banquet benefits the San Francisco Early Music Society's summer Baroque Workshop. It's at the Shattuck Hotel on May 25, 7 p.m. \$70 includes dinner and donation; music between courses. Reservations and information at 528-4663.

Spiritual leader Ram Dass brings his Seva Foundation benefit lecture series to the Berkeley Community Theater on May 25. \$15. For information call 415-942-1857.

GAIA Bookstore programs: Tuesday, May 25: Michael Murphy: "The Future of the Body: Explorations into the Further Evolution of Human Nature"; May 27: Peggy O'Mara: "Trusting Yourself as a Parent" from *The Way Back Home: Essays on Life & Family*. At 7:30 p.m. Free with purchase of featured book, otherwise \$3. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

Twenty-sixth biennial California Writer's Club Conference will be held July 23-25 at Asilomar. For a brochure write California Writers Club, 2214 Derby St., Berkeley.

City Commons Club meets for luncheon May 21 with Harriet Chamberlain speaking on "Critical Thinking and Communication." Reserve at 848-3533.

Black Oak Books — May 20: Andrew Schelling, *For Love of the Dark One: Songs of Mirabal*; May 21: Pico Iyer, *Falling Off the Map: Some Lonely Places of the World*; May 23: Winifred Gallagher, *The Power of Place: How Our Surroundings Shape Our Thoughts, Emotions, and Actions*; May 24: Linda Schiere Leonard, *Meeting the Madwoman: An Inner Challenge for Feminine Spirit*; May 25: Will Self, *Cock and Bull: Twin Novellas*. All at 7:30 p.m. 1492 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

Easy Going Travel presents "Hiking with Children in the Bay Area" with Bill McMillon tonight, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. A packing demonstration is scheduled for May 6 at 7:30 p.m. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533.

Birthways classes — May 22, 1-4 p.m.: Crash/Refresher Birth Class, and 11:30-12:30 p.m.: "Hemopathy for Pregnancy & Childbirth." 869-2797.

Albany Fire Department opens its doors Saturday, May 22 for Open House and Safety Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1001 Marin Ave.

Turning Point Career Center offers a lecture/discussion on careers in "Jobs with the National Park Service" on Tuesday, May 11, noon to 1 p.m., \$3. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Building Education Center presents May 20, 7-10 p.m.: "Get With the Flow"; May 22-23, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: "Basic Home Repair Skills"; May 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: "Evaluating Your Victorian"; May 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: "The Politics of Permits"; May 27, 7-10 p.m.: "Design Your Addition Right." For fees, times and locations call 525-7610.

Alliance Francaise East Bay presents French songs sung by Helene Allia on Tuesday, May 25 at 1 p.m. Free to members, \$8 non-members. Plymouth Church, 777 Oakland Ave., Oakland. 548-1520.

Quaker Heritage Day will be observed with a lecture by John Punshon on "Speaking Out of the Silence" on Saturday, May 22. Events at Berkeley Friends Church, 1800 Sacramento St., run 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$15 donation asked, but not required. 524-4112.

Open House and Post-Mortem Party will be held 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. The Sisters in Crime event is at M.C. Newburn Books, 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 524-1370.

"Unfolding Consciousness — the Key to a Richer Life" is a free introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation program founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Wednesday, May 26, 2-8 p.m., 2716 Derby St., Berkeley. 548-1144.

"Struggle to End the U.S. Blockade of Cuba" is the discussion topic on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley. \$5-\$10. 273-9199.

Latenight Basketball League, "Athletes United for Peace" holds tryouts and registration for 18-20-year-olds on Friday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. Teams will be assembled at Columbus, San Pablo, Grove Street, Hearst Street and James Kenney parks, and the South Berkeley YMCA. 273-9042.

Berkeley City Club's historic building, designed by Julia Morgan, will be open for tours on Sunday, May 23, noon to 4 p.m., 2315 Durant Ave. \$2; children under 12 free. 848-7800.

Tear gas training will be available May 22, 9-11 a.m. to Albany City hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. 524-5065.

The Source — Workshops for Women, will hold a workshop on "Making Ends Meet" on May 22: "Female Firepower" is May 23. Both 9 a.m. to noon at Berkeley Conference Center, 2105 Bancroft Way. \$39-\$45. Register at 559-9710.

Friday folk dance weekly at Albany YMCA 921 Kains near Solano. Meet great folks, fun, exercise. Beginners, families welcome. 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Information: 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7649. Everyone welcome.

"Softwood Cuttings" is the topic of the fourth session of a series on propagation at the UC Botanical Garden on Sunday, May 23, 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$10/\$20. Reserve at 642-3343.

Psychological film series screens "The Kiss of the Spider Woman" on Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

American Schizophrenia Association — Alliance for the Mentally Ill will hold its bi-monthly meeting Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte at Scenic, Berkeley. John Fielder, Ph.D. will speak. 841-8361.

Berkeley Arts Magnet School's spring fundraiser features a benefit talent show and silent auction in Friday, May 21 at King Jr. High Auditorium, 1781 Rose. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:30 p.m. \$4. 845-2515.

Alta Bates Medical Center ongoing older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); 204-4475. LifeSpan exercise classes at South Berkeley Senior Center Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m., and at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, 10-11:15 a.m., 841-4741; Cal Adult Sports Program,

"Keep Moving," Tuesday and Thursdays, 9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m., 843-5151. 204-4475.

Political Button Collectors meet May 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Emeryville. \$2.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

Exhibits

Youth Art Festival, at Berkeley Art Center through June 20, features workshops by prominent Bay Area artists and a special performance with children's advocate Wavy Gravy. May 22: Workshop with Caryl Henry on "three-dimensional structures to express one's home (ages 5-13), 1275 Walnut St. Call 644-6893 for information.

Gorgi Gallery spotlights "The Fine Art of Jamaica" with ceramic sculptor Gene Pearson and painters Eric Cadien and Judy MacMillan. Opening tonight, May 20, 6-9 p.m. Through June 27. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 849-4967.

Richmond Art Center presents "T.V. Times: The World Through the Box" through June 11. Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond. 620-6772.

Berkeley Store Gallery shows "Plonsey Cards 1993, 2230-B Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 649-0272.

"Dreams, Moments, Memories and Manifestos," new paintings by Alan Mart, is at the Right Stuff Gallery, 2991 College Ave., Berkeley through June. 849-5445. Call for invitation to opening.

Bromell transfer photographs by Andy Gotzenberg are on display at Refractors exhibition space through June 5. 600 San Pablo Ave., No. 105, Albany. 527-8664.

Xochitl Nevel Guerrero's paintings and drawings and masks by Kaleo Ching are at the Berkeley Store Gallery through June 19. 2230 Shattuck Ave.

"Quilts of Janet Jo Smith" are at New Pieces through June 3. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779. 845-4300.

"Young Impressions: Art from the Heart" shows art from young artists and their mothers who are residents of Battered Women's Alternatives' shelter. Through June 30 at Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond.

Albany Arts Gallery hosts a group color photography show through June 7: Wendy Williams, George Brooks, John Kaplan and Kyo Eshima. 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

Judah L. Magnes Museum — "Meditations Concealed and Revealed:

Shoshana Greenberg, Adler Award Winner," through May 23. An exhibition of four mixed media pieces based upon rubbings and a large installation from this Adler Award winner. The Max and Sophie Adler Award is for sustained work on Jewish subject matter by a Bay area artist. "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf and My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: Four California Artists Confront Jewish Identity," through May 23. An exhibition of the winning works from competition among 170 California artists in the third juried Jewish Themes triennial. Artists include William Rosen, Laurie Polster, Rachel Schreiber and Elisse Pogofsky-Harris. Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

"Cultural Fragments" and "Point of Contact" are the exhibits at the Arts & Crafts Cooperative Gallery through June 6. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

Kenya Impex hosts an exhibition of Zimbabwe Shona sculpture and carving. 1600 Shattuck, Berkeley. 549-9953.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Debtors Anonymous (East Bay) meets Thursdays, 8-9:30 p.m. for free/donation ongoing support, discussions and practical tips at Berkeley-Albany Recovery Center, 806 Bancroft Way. 548-2483.

American Cancer Society support group for cancer patients, their friends and family in North Berkeley, free, six-week group for women at Northrae Community Church, \$80; grief and healing support group begins in June at Berkeley Jewish Community Center. Call 845-9055 for information.

Back support group meets monthly. For information call 849-4434. **Alzheimer's Association** offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call (800) 942-1333.

Arts Anonymous, a support group for artists to share emotions and test material, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Park Recreation Hut, Berryman and Shattuck, Berkeley. 527-1243.

Brookside Hospital hosts the following support groups — Stroke, first Thursday, 7 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.; Ostomy, fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m. 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo. Call 235-7006 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholic (or Other Dysfunctional) Families meets Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ashbury between Central and Lincoln,

El Cerrito. Free. **Women's support** groups: graine sufferers meets monthly in Berkeley. Call Nancy at 841-1111.

Ongoing spiritual emergency phone support network for crisis meetings. Free. Tina, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 841-1111.

Type 1 insulin dependent adults, 18-40, are invited to a group second Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Diabetes Foundation in Walnut Creek.

Alzheimer's Support Group at Doctors Hospital the second day of every month at 1. Applian Way, Pinole. 724-4500. Support Group meets the last of every month at 7 p.m. 714.

Leukemia Society support groups for leukemia, myeloid, lymphoma and multiple myeloma and their families and friends on the first Monday of each month. Call (415) 543-9821 for more information.

Cancer Support Group meets every Saturday for those with eating problems. a.m.; newcomers meet at 8 a.m. All Souls Episcopal Church and Cedar, Berkeley. 845-4434.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cerrito United Methodist Church. Stockton. 273-9292.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday for those with eating problems. a.m.; newcomers meet at 8 a.m. John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave. 273-9292/841-6602.

TOPS — Take Off Pounds — meets each Monday morning a.m. at 980 Stannage Ave. 527-8372.

Heart Talks are held Tuesday of each month at Brookside Hospital Audiology Vale Road, San Pablo. 235-2295.

The Referral Source meets Thursday at noon to exchange referrals, networking, information. 763-4971.

Secular Organizations for Women (S.O.S.) meets Mondays at Berkeley/Albany Recovery Center, 2126 Sixth St., and Tuesdays 9:30 p.m. at Berkeley Unitarian Children's Center, 1606 Berkeley. 2221.

Bereavement support groups for newly widowed men and women. Widows/Widowers' Network. Walnut Creek. 256-7952.

The Bay Area Migraine Headache Support Group meets in Berkeley. Call Judy at 845-1111 for information and to register.



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WORD OF MOUTH

By John McNulty

WoM called the Oakland City Center branch of Crogan's Seafood House & Bar (6101 La Salle Ave., Montclair District, 339-2098; 500 12th St., Oakland City Center, 464-3698) for an update on their menu. We were told the "blue plate special" for the day was Cross Rib Roast with oven roasted potatoes, carrots and pearl onions. Just happens to be one of WoM's favorites. The "Bluenose Sea Bass" on the specials list was an intriguing option. Word of Mouth wondered if this could be a bass with an attitude? WoM's slang dictionary describes the "bluenose" as identifying a native of Nova Scotia, especially a marine fisherman. Give Crogan's a call. No stuffy "bluenoses" here.

Baby Back Barbecued Ribs, moist and meaty, are just one tasty selection at Soul Brothers Kitchen (5239 Telegraph Ave., Oakland; 655-9367). Owner/operator Rip Wilson carefully supervises the cooking and friendly customer service here. I can't remember a more comfortable and hospitable "down-home" cooking place. Tired of standard breakfast selections? Visit here for breakfast with variety, now.

Kinkadee's Spit Roaster & Seafood Broiler (1 Franklin St., Oakland's Jack London Square; 835-8600) has been heavily into the prom and ball season lately. Those tuxedo and gown rentals and limo services must be just as busy. The rosemary, pancetta and garlic stuffed Spit-Roasted Chicken is a delicious choice here.

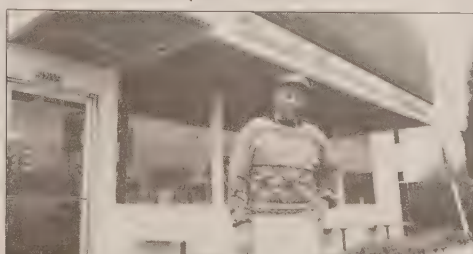
Kimball's Carnival (5800

Shellmound St., Emeryville's EmeryBay Market; 653-5300), the new Caribbean/Latin restaurant and dance club, has opened just below Kimball's East jazz club and restaurant. Chef Tim Quinn is preparing a delicious Stuffed Roti, a pastry wrapped vegetable selection just shouting with flavor. Lamb Piri Piri, Paw Paw Snapper, Stamp & Go and other tropical favorites are served Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. There's dancing on a large dance floor to a showcase of salsa, samba, soca, reggae, calypso, merenue, banda, African high-life, rumba-flamenco and world beat bands.

Mother's Day brought crowds to many fine restaurants. The Fat Lady did a room-filling business (201 Washington, Oakland; 465-4996.) When the Fat Lady puts on a special brunch we should expect a crowd. Manager Lisa Rossi told Word of Mouth that "we did record breaking business on Mother's Day." Quality wins out again.

The Courtyard Cafe and Art Gallery's (1349 Park St., Alameda; 521-1521) owner Peggy Williams tells WoM that Mother's Day brought a new high in customer count to her restaurant. This special restaurant served over four hundred mothers and members of their parties. The restaurant offers special food served in a very impressive setting.

Andrew Van Ginkel, baker at Piemonte Ovest (3909 Grand Ave., Oakland; 601-0500), tells Word of Mouth that "we were very busy on Mother's Day. I came in very early and was busy all day. It was stressful but we were very happy." Chef Jane Davies, formerly of Emeryville's Bucci's and Oakland's Bay Wolf, prepares Italian-influenced dishes with fresh character.



Soul Brothers Kitchen owner and chef Rip Wilson.

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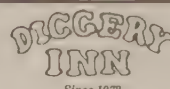
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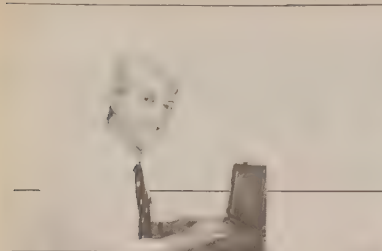
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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Black And White And Read All Over: First of all, let me thank all of you who wrote, phoned or faxed during the last two weeks to welcome me to this paper.

My favorite letter came from Mary-Ellen Sougey of Berkeley, who wrote, "Your column was the second thing I used to read every day in the old Tribune — right after the obituary column, which I read to make sure all my friends were still around."

Gene Raymond of Oakland wrote, "Loved the picture of you and your cat. Just one question: Which one of you has put on more weight?"

But mostly, everyone wanted to know what the Black and White Ball was like. Answer: It depends on your attitude toward senior proms.

Remember when Rita Barela, the ball's producer, warned everyone last week to eat first? Well, she wasn't kidding. The first thing I ran into was a long line of famished-looking folks waiting patiently for their turn at a food table in Davies Hall.

I was curious: What delicacy was tempting them so? I walked to the front of the line and beheld — a plate of Fig Newtons! These people were lining up for Fig Newtons!

It was the same at Civic Aud, the Veterans' Building and the Opera House. The Beautiful People were acting like Russians: Whenever they spotted a line, they joined it. "Get in line first," advised Stan Latham of Piedmont. "You can always find out what it's for later."

It wasn't always like this. When I first started going to these things eight years ago, during the Reagan era, they really stuffed you: Ribs at the rock 'n' roll venue, burritos at the Latin music venue, chili at the country-and-western venue, and so on.

Not any more. Mostly it's just finger food. "Blame the recession," said one insider. "All those corporate donors are cutting back on their promotional budgets. Nowadays, a restaurant that used to donate ribs will just donate the barbecue sauce."

But all this is mere quibble. I mean, Junior Walker, Etta James, Boz Scaggs, Pete Escovedo, Tito Puente and on and on and on. Who could ask for more? Even the Starship was OK, although, as a guy standing next to me at Civic Aud quipped, "They don't sound as good when you're not on acid."

Outside Civic Aud I met a delightful young couple: Julianne Woodward, a freshman at USF, and her boyfriend, John Gehlkin of Walnut Creek. They didn't have the money for tickets, but they came anyway to stand outside and gawk at the rich and famous. I shmoozed with them and sneaked them as many trifles and ice cream bars as I could.

I ran into them again an hour later. But this time, they were inside.

"We talked a guard into letting us in," said Julianne. "We told him we had just gotten engaged, which is a total lie, and he said, 'OK, give me ten bucks and I'll let you in.'"

Meanwhile, has anyone seen Gorbys' angel?

"It's missing!" cries Pat Montandon, who used to work on the Black and White Ball (notice the *segue*?) but now works with a group called Children As The Peacemakers. "We held a fund-raiser earlier this month where we auctioned off drawings of angels by famous people, from Whoopi Goldberg to the Dalai Lama. Our *piece de resistance* was a drawing by Mikhail Gorbachev, but somebody walked into his office at the Presidio and swiped it!"

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for the angel's return, no questions asked. (By our side, at least. I can't speak for the KGB.) Just call (415) 753-0394.

Back in the East Bay, Cal junior Peter Cavanaugh notes that the Bears have signed another high school basketball star to play next season. The phenom's name: Randy Duck. "I was hoping for another Larry Bird," says Peter, "but I guess this is the next best thing." ...Speaking of Cal, kudos to Delia Todd of Albany (Cal '91), who is off to Hartford, CT. She's one of only 25 students in the whole country to win scholarships with the National Theater of the Deaf.

Delia has come a long way from her theatrical debut in the 6th grade, when she sang "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" in the school Christmas pageant.

So does she want to be a professional actress, like Marlee Matlin?

"No," says Delia. "I'd rather be like the character she plays on 'Reasonable Doubts.' I'm going to be a lawyer."

Meanwhile, Dennis Waterhouse of Albany, who teaches American Sign Language at Vista College, is hearing-impaired. So is his daughter, Laura. His license plate reads, "DEAF 2."

Waterhouse's wife, Nancy, is not hearing-impaired. Neither is their son, Aaron. So her license plate reads (what else?) "HEAR 2."

On the other end of the age scale, lots of people have been asking me what 83-year-old Joseph Charles, the Waving Man of Berkeley, has been up to since he retired last fall.

Well, last December he was featured in Life Magazine.

Then he shot a series of commercials for Pac Bell.

Then he was profiled in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not," which runs in more than 200 newspapers and is read by more than 80 million people.

And now comes word that he's been named Grand Marshall of his high school homecoming parade, to be held next December in Lake Charles, LA. (The school is W.O. Boston High School. Mr. Charles is a member of the Class of '26.)

So is he planning to come out of retirement?

"No way!" he says. "Retirement is exhausting enough! But if anybody sees me out in the yard and they want to wave to me, I'll be happy to wave back."

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the *Journal*. Got a hot tip? Phone Martin at 273-9543, FAX him at 339-4066, or write him at 2936 Domingo, Berkeley 94705.

El Cerrito

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budget," Pokorny told the council. He spoke of the "magnitude" of the extra work they've done on behalf of the city with no increases in pay.

Civil employees in El Cerrito have not received a raise in two years. Police and fire employees received a raise last year which honored the last year of the city's contract with them but also agreed not to take an increase this year in light of the city's financial constraints.

Referring to the fact that the rise in cost of living has lowered the real value of the dollars they're earning Pokorny said, "El Cerrito's employees are doing more for less. I'm proud of them."

This year's budget presents a good news/bad news scenario, Pokorny told the council.

The good news is that "everybody is sharing the pain." The bad news is that "everyone's working a lot harder, and we aren't able to reward them for it."

The good news is that there have been more volunteers than ever working in the city in a variety of capacities. The bad news is that there is no longer a volunteer coordinator, that position having been cut for lack of funding.

The good news is that citizens contributed \$52,000 for fire hazard abatement. The bad news is that a ballot measure that would have funded ongoing abatement did not receive the two-thirds majority needed for passage.

The good news is that two Redevelopment projects, Target and Home Depot, "should bring in \$250,000 in taxes next year." The bad news is the "governor will probably take \$1 million in property taxes," leaving the city in neither "an expansive (nor) a panic mode."

In general, said Pokorny, the budget contains few surprises. It's a year from now — anticipating major cuts in revenue by the State of California — that more radical changes may be needed.

Now, it's up to the city to make good decisions about 1994-95, he said, adding, "I hope the council,

the staff and the community will put their energy here. There are tough, tough decisions ahead. We need to anticipate them and get ahead of the curve again."

In what he called his "message" to the council, Pokorny described some of the "key assumptions" used in defining a budget strategy for 1994-95, noting that there may be radical changes in some of these items.

• The strategy assumes that the state will not make any additional diversion of city revenues beyond what the governor proposed in January, he said. Contingency plans will need to be developed should the state take more city revenues next year for the third year in a row.

Pokorny sees this as highly likely, mentioning his belief that "there is no end to this process in sight until all property tax revenue is shifted to the state."

"Recent conversations that both you and I have had with state legislators in a variety of settings indicate that (they) have no problem with doing that," he told the council. He said legislators seem to all have the attitude that cities should stop complaining, since "the state has been bailing you out since 1978."

• Pokorny also addressed briefly the "unresolved future of redevelopment in El Cerrito and in all of California." The recommendations of the newly formed Redevelopment Advisory Task Force and possible changes in state law may well affect whether redevelopment continues to be "a viable tool to stimulate investment in the future economic health of El Cerrito" or is "lost or severely limited as an economic development and affordable housing tool," he said.

Pokorny believes that Proposition 13 and not redevelopment is the cause for many problems now facing cities. "But that's the law in California, and we have to learn to work with it," he added.

• The budget strategy for next year includes no assumptions about major changes in police and fire services. Changes are coming, however. Dispatching services have already been contracted out to Rich-

mond for the 1993-94 fiscal year, for example.

Even more radical changes may come in the organization, prompted in part by severe cutbacks to districts like Kensington which have a proposal from El Cerrito (among other things) to help with fire services. Whatever the case, Kensington, Pokorny said, El Cerrito will be affected.

• "More importantly for the fire department, the community has failed to develop a succession plan to assure long-term stable funding for the fire department despite literally thousands of hours of citizen work," Pokorny said, adding that a service department medical calls may have to be cut. It's not an option he wants to see happen in 1994.

"We don't want people to hesitate when they call for the phone, wondering whether this is a (something they can afford to call about)."

• The budget strategy includes no change in pay for city employees. By June 30, 1994, public safety employees will have gone over with no salary increase, while all other city employees will have gone over 24 months without a salary increase. The city is currently paying 100 percent salary increase costs about \$71,000.

• Pokorny also noted that during 1994-95, the city will be facing final deadline for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Expensive changes must be made in some public facilities, or they must be closed, he said.

Pokorny told the council that the police headquarters, the Arlington fire station, the library and the civic theater are among the facilities which currently do not comply with ADA requirements.

While admitting that "the challenge of the city is to work with whatever we have," the bottom line, Pokorny is "What kind of community do we want to be? — are we turning into a public safety organization or are we a full-service city?"

"It just keeps tightening down," he said.

Trees

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chance of success, particularly if Mrs. Sears symptoms stem entirely or in large part from an allergy to the airborne aromas of the volatile oils present in tree and leaves."

Janet Sears, who has been living in a trailer park in San Pablo, told the commission that she was no longer experiencing congestion and other allergic symptoms she attributes to the camphors by her house.

"The last time I was here at the meeting I was sick," she said. "I'm not sick anymore. I haven't been home for five weeks. And you know what? I've got my head clear now."

Commission members Connie Jackson and Steve Lindsey said they felt, "uncomfortable" in having to question Sears in medical matters but that it was necessary to determine the validity of the evidence.

"Mrs. Sears has been out of her house for five weeks and we shouldn't keep her out another seven months

while we sort all this out," Lindsey said. "We will never have a guarantee." He estimated that removing the two trees would have about an 80 per cent chance of solving Sears' allergy problem.

Commission Chairman Stephen Hofmann summed up the feeling of the other four commission members who voted the appeal down when he said, "The information that we have does answer the bulk of the questions." He went on to praise staff for doing "a wonderful job in this unique allergy area."

But Commissioner Rinaldi felt that staff had been "blocked" by Sears' attorney from getting "substantial and satisfactory evidence" in a timely manner. "I am not in agreement that Dr. Kaufman's letter responded to all issues. There is no evidence that removal of these two trees is going to solve the problem," he said.

Rinaldi said that the appeal process was designed to

allow the commission to give full consideration to complex cases such as this and act as a "check and balance" to the Public Works Department. "A lot of doctors would report saying anything the patient wanted to say," he said.

Voting with Rinaldi to uphold the appeal were Commissioner Sam (uses no last name), Commissioners Jackson, Diana Edwards, and Ruth Manning with Hofmann and Lindsey to reject it.

The Commission approved a motion by Jackson to review the city's tree removal policy with attention to the allergy criteria.

At the Monday City Council meeting, members Bill Cain, Thelma Rubin and Vice Mayor Mike Brodsky will vote on the fate of the two trees. Councilmember Robert Good will abstain because his home is in the immediate vicinity of the disputed trees; Mayor Elizabeth Baker is out of town.

Albany

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funded by local and state voter-passed measures, assessments and special grants restricted to spending on specific projects.

Debt service on bonds sold for land and construction of the new Library/Community Center, additionally funded by state and private grants, is \$68,000 annually from the Landscape and Lighting District.

Street projects and maintenance is supported by gas tax and Measure B revenues. Sewer services are funded by charges on water bills. In addition, the city will issue about \$5 million in sewer revenue bonds soon to pay for the first phase of a 20-year sewer rehabilitation project.

The city's Emergency Medical Services, though currently subsidized by the general fund, will be self-supporting from supplemental assessments and direct charges in a few years. The city's state-mandated

recycling program is paid for by a surcharge on garbage bills.

These and other restricted funds represent \$10.6 million of this year's city revenue.

"It is ironic that at the same time the general fund is shrinking, other funding sources are continuing at their former levels or even growing," Nachbar said in his budget message.

To offset losses of \$160,000 in property taxes, cigarette and motor vehicle taxes and other monies taken by the state, the city this year gave no across-the-board pay raises, reduced the equivalent of eight full-time positions and saved money by overall belt-tightening. About \$750,000 in cuts and savings have been realized.

Funds formerly put aside for insurance liability, workers compensation and sick leave/vacation will

not be transferred into reserve this year.

The council held over until its May 24 meeting discussion of a five-year capital improvement budget.

Proposed major projects include completion of the Library/Community Center, the first phase of a year sewer renewal plan, acquisition and development of a new corporation yard and purchase of an ambulance and fire engine.

With adoption of the balanced two-year budget, the city is playing a short-term waiting game. A task force composed of representatives of city boards and commissions and other citizens is working on recommendations to the council in the future revenue and expenditure strategies. The state budget is finally agreed on by the governor and the legislature.

Spending

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estimated to be \$10,520,347. After transfers to debt service and municipal services, the figure drops to \$10,423,147, a decrease in revenues of over \$300,000 from the end of the year estimates for 1992-93. (Revenues are actually expected to drop by \$500,000; this year, however, transfers were about \$200,000 higher and included transfer to childcare construction.)

• Property taxes constitute about 23 percent of general revenues, sales taxes and utility users' taxes about 20 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Fees from individual users of city services come to about 14 percent; other sources include state funds, business

license fees and interest on investments.

• Some assumptions were made concerning next year's budget. Property tax revenues are expected to be 16.3 percent less with the state's proposed shift of the taxes from cities and counties to state education funding. This assumption will not be verified until the state finalizes its own budget this summer.

Sales tax is assumed to increase by 5 percent (\$100,000), primarily due to the imminent opening of Home Depot, an El Cerrito redevelopment project.

Business license taxes and utility users' taxes are

assumed to increase, and state revenues are assumed to change at various rates.

• The proposed budget, which is available for perusal at City Hall, includes proposals for various areas: community services (\$2,569,744), fire (\$3,457,405), fire (\$2,387,826), community development (\$1,422,468), administrative services (\$1,606,681), and general government (\$2,569,744).

The redevelopment agency's budget was approved from the general one at the request of the City Council.

Carousel

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having "a wonderful time."

J. Dale Hudson, superintendent of the Albany Unified School District and chairman of the Rotary's Community Service Committee, organized the volunteer operation, supervised it, and turned a good many bolts himself.

"This is just one of a number of Rotary Club projects around town," Hudson said.

"We put in a new flag pole at the Veteran's Freedom Shrine at Key Route Boulevard and Solano avenue, and two mini parks under BART at Solano and Masonic Avenues.

"And we are donating furniture, engineering, and

labor to the city's new Teen Center."

Hudson says members of the club refurbish the two par courses under the BART tracks every year or so, and have scheduled them for a major overhaul.

The club also plans to start cleaning the graffiti off the benches in Solano Avenue.

Eyeing the finished merry-go-round Hudson and club president Don Tennenbaum noted that there was presently no sign warning of overloading it, and expressed the view that one might help.

Other Rotarians who worked on the job were Mike Koepke, Bob Gordon, Todd Armstrong, Mike Voyne, and David Clement.

Marking 50 years of marriage

April 20 marked 50 years of marriage for Hans Brouwer of El Cerrito.

The couple immigrated to El Cerrito in 1943 from Den Haag, Netherlands, with their two sons. Hans now works for a computer electronics firm, and Jopie works with a freight company.

Since his retirement in 1979 from the Search Corporation, Hans has spent much of his time as an artist, specializing in oil painting. He has participated in both local and national art shows, winning several first prize and other awards.

Currently he is on the board of the El Cerrito Association, the Holland American Society, and the Netherlands Benevolent Society.

Jopie, since moving to El Cerrito, has been a maker and has enjoyed raising her sons and time with her three grandchildren.

Hans and Jopie will renew their vows at the Unitarian Church of Berkeley on May 23.

St. Mary's tallies seven ESAL titles

By Peter Mentor

As expected it was the St. Mary's boys and Bishop O'Dowd girls running away from the pack to win the East Shore Athletic League track championship at St. Mary's in Berkeley Saturday.

The Panther boys and Dragon girls, both undefeated during the duel meet season, entered the league finals as heavy favorites and they did not disappoint.

St. Mary's won its unprecedented seventh ESAL title in as many years as the league has existed, extending their undefeated streak to 61 consecutive wins. The team ran to an easy victory even without top sprinters Rod Branch and Jerome Spence, who are missing because of leg injuries.

The Panthers won 10 of 15 events for 193 points, out-pacing second-place O'Dowd at 123 points and third place Piedmont at 82. Encinal placed fourth, St. Elizabeth was fifth, Alameda grabbed sixth and Richmond ran in the final position for seventh.

The O'Dowd girls won 12 of 14 events for 206 points to win the girls' championship, far ahead of second place finisher Alameda with 65 points. Richmond had 57 points for third place, Piedmont was fourth at 55 points, Holy Names placed fifth with 49 points and St. Elizabeth landed the sixth spot.

The main purpose of this meet for both teams was to qualify athletes for the next level at the North Coast Section meet this Friday and Saturday at the College of Marin. St. Mary's is the two-time defending NCS



See TRACK, next page St. Mary's Doug Boyd (center) runs away from rest of the field for a 400M win



Berkeley High's first lacrosse team — Norcal reps for the nationals

Jill Malko

Dedicated BHS girls launch lacrosse team

Season ends with two wins, three all-stars

By Peter Mentor

Someday future Yellowjacket players will look back and realize the pioneering spirit that went into the formation of the girls' lacrosse team at Berkeley High.

This was the first year ever for girls' lacrosse at Berkeley and it came with the torment of a losing season and the exuberance of winning the last two games and getting three players chosen to represent California for the first time ever on a West Coast All-Star team in the lacrosse nationals in Dayton, Ohio over Memorial Day weekend.

The team evolved from a chance meeting last summer between Sarah Nelson, a Berkeley alumna and assistant coach at Humboldt State, and Karen Hack, a student at Berkeley High. Hack said she wanted to start a team at Berkeley and that struck a chord with Nelson.

"I met a girl (Hack) before the summer last year, who said she really wanted to start a team at Berkeley," said Nelson. "My brother (John) played at Berkeley I

always wanted to have a team at Berkeley High. It was great this person approached us."

Nelson said Hack set up meetings with the Berkeley administration to see about getting the team started, then she stepped out of the picture. Hack sent senior Karen Rosenbloom in her place and the program was officially off the ground. Rosenbloom and fellow senior Zale Stipovich became team captains and have been instrumental helping Nelson run the team.

"They've been running it," said Nelson of her two captains. "I don't think I could have made it without them."

Berkeley got a loan kit of equipment from STX, a national lacrosse manufacturer. The company sent 22 full-length sticks and two goalie sticks and the players put down \$35 deposits to use them for the season. The sticks cannot be cut, so many of the players bought their own. That was good because 40 players came out the first season, showing there was a keen interest in the sport at Berkeley.

Dedication was a major requirement for the players, starting with 6 a.m. practices before school at Cal Berkeley's Kleeberger Field. Most

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Baseball Roundup

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shortstop Ivan Lewis started with a double, then punctuated the hit barrage with a two-run homer.

Lewis (four RBI) had three hits while Reeves, Riddle and Cruz had two each off Richmond starter and loser Chico Martin.

Other key St. Mary hits in the third included Riddle's run-scoring triple and Hasani's RBI double.

Richmond got its only runs off Reeves in the sixth inning, using a bases-loaded walk from Vince Carranza and a sacrifice fly from Ben Wong for its offense. The Oilers had just four hits overall.

Today at 3 p.m., the Panthers begin their second season, playing either Alameda or Bishop O'Dowd in the second of two ESAL semi-final contests at Willie Stargell Field in Alameda.

If the Panthers win, they'll play the winner of yesterday's other semi-final bracket (St. Joseph versus the winner of Kennedy/Encinal contest from Tuesday) in tomorrow's 3 p.m. championship.

"It'll be a tough game," said Cruz of the semi-final matchup.

"We lost to both O'Dowd and Alameda during the season by one run. I just hope they had to use their best pitchers Tuesday."

Albany

With a chance to salvage a frustrating season and sneak into the ESAL playoffs, Albany dropped a 12-8 contest to lowly Salesian last Wednesday before losing 10-1 to host Kennedy Friday. The Cougars finished its season 5-17-1 overall, 5-9 in league play.

"We had a horrible second half," admitted Albany coach Dave Gaskins after his team's loss Friday. "We just didn't hit the ball and we made a lot of errors. We just didn't improve, we were flat."

Last week's play was a good example, as the Cougars managed just one hit off Kennedy pitcher Levithon Woods, a single by Gary Tatmon. Tatmon was one bright spot for Albany this season, hitting .391. Jesse Quay was another; the two-sport star batted .386.

Dylan Martin took the loss against Salesian, as his team made numerous errors behind him. In fact, the first four runs he allowed were unearned. Ryan Holt was the loser against Kennedy. Shaun O'Deady drove in the Cougars' lone run with a fielders choice.

El Cerrito

El Cerrito's ace pitcher Kwanza

Griggs hasn't been the most fortunate pitcher in the area as the senior righthander has battled against most of the best squads' top hurlers. Last Thursday he battled the best Berkeley had to offer and spun a two-hitter to give the Gauchos a much-needed 5-0 Bay Valley Athletic League victory.

Griggs had little trouble with 'Jacket hitters, fanning 11 overall, including three in the final frame. When he did falter (he walked four and hit a batter), he battled through, leaving two Berkeley runners stranded in the third and fifth frames.

With Griggs doing most of the dirty work, El Cerrito was able to concentrate on solving Berkeley ace Ryan Connors-Copeland (6-4). Connors-Copeland gave up a blop double by Jerry Nunez in the top of the first frame and he scored on Joe Pearce's groundout. But after the first frame, the Gauchos struggled offensively as Connors-Copeland stranded six runners in the middle innings to keep Berkeley behind by only a 1-0 count after five innings.

"When you have a 1-0 game they get a guy on second (as in the fifth inning), you don't ever feel comfortable, even though Griggs seemed in control," said El Cerrito

coach Dennis Abel. "The other guy (Connors-Copeland) was throwing the ball well also. But Griggs pitched really well against Berkeley. He was changing speeds and getting the breaking ball over, which makes his fast ball even better. He's rounded into shape since beating Mission-San Jose in our Easter Tournament."

After five innings of closely-contested baseball, El Cerrito broke the game open in the sixth with four runs, two of them coming in on Nunez' two-out infield single with the bases loaded and the Gauchos up by just one. On a 3-2 pitch, Nunez grounded a ball toward right field, which was stopped by Berkeley's Josh Greenblatt. Greenblatt recovered enough to attempt a throw to home, but the toss got away and two more scored.

The next hitter, Pearce, followed Nunez with a single to rightfield, scoring Nunez and ending the scoring for the contest. Connors-Copeland scattered nine hits in five and two-third innings in taking the loss.

Sam Farnsworth and Trigg Splenda had the lone hits for Berkeley. Nunez, Royce Rose and DeAngelo Ross had two hits each

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Rising young stars in Albany Berkeley Girls Softball heat up the act

By Don Porter

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is, to have thankless ... editors? Last week your reporter was, at last, edited. "At last," as in "we all knew it had to happen sometime." That nearly-a-full-page-did-you-see-that? was too good to last, I guess. Perhaps the editors are not aware how many of you there are. And maybe they are not aware of the awesome speed with which your novices become skilled, or even of the small miracles of simple improvement. Yet they surely remember the religious experiences they had on the diamond—that first-time "sweet spot" double, that "thwack" of the ball in the glove (and, as Jose Valderoso said, "I live for that sound, that sting... God is in the catch"). And we know that they remember the first time they saw their names in print. "I'M IN THE NEWSPAPER, MOM!!!"

Last week's article did not include this reporter's account of the formidable exploits of the Older Division players. So this week I will offer (again) for print the previous week's Older Division report. And I will take last week's deletion as allegorically as I can. I will say I lost ... and learned. I will remind myself of the honor in defeat. And I will remember that "though God is in the details, the devil's in there too—just 'cause there's just too many of 'em"

(as Randy Gumpert opined just a few decades ago). Thus, as obvious as it was thirty years ago (when I couldn't hit a sinking curve), I will realize that not everyone wants to hear all of those details (and I STILL won't be able to help myself). Obviously.

Older division

(A report of the previous week's action)

Berkeley Hills Realty were undefeated going into Saturday's mid-day game at King Jr. High, where they hosted Olson Construction. But before the crowd had settled in, Olson had quickly, with great skill and power, jumped to a commanding second inning lead, 13-2. Amanda Cherrin scored twice and drove in two. Liz Jonas scored thrice and drove in two, and Kristeen Crugger-Hansen scored twice with three RBI's (her fifth inning rope down the third base line put it away for the Olson crew). Although all of that would prove too much for even the courageous Berkeley Hills comeback, they did remind all that they had hearts a-plenty as they rallied to score seven in the fourth, to come within three of tying it up. (Emma Brookner and Celeste Chun's steaming sticks spearheaded the comeback bid).

But not even Hills' Tiffany Davis (in her mound debut) or Lauren

Katzman (who fanned all three Olson batters in the fifth) could stop Olson. BHR's star catcher, Christina Stewart, came off injured reserve—having been injured in previous backstop duty—and quietly inspired her teammates with the leadership that she had shown even while injured (never missing a game, although un-

Joanna Bean stung the BHR pitchers with power, speed and old-fashioned scoring—but they could not turn back the BHR tide as they went down to defeat, 11-7.)

In another thriller, Computer Lingo met Contra Costa Physical Therapy at Grove Russell. Balanced,

enough to keep it close, and Burns' pin-point control from the mound denied the CCPT bats from delivering devastation as she fanned four during her two innings. But CCPT's Jothathau Gaskin did deliver as she went 2 for 3 to drive in two and then played great defense with a pop-fly snare at second in the fourth and a lunging tag of a Lingo speedster at short in the fifth—which kept the Lingo lead to just two runs going into the bottom of the last inning.

But that lead would be enough. Marissa Wong, coming on in strong relief, scattered all CCPT threats and Lingo prevailed, 11-8. (But they did not go quietly into that good twilight.) (Update: I wish I could tell you about the day CCPT's Lauren Opet had this week. A home run, two sweeping tags of third-base bound NMU runners, a sensational save at home plate when she scrambled for a wild pitch and threw to her batterymate for the out. I wish, but I don't have enough room. Sigh.)

Jane Hammond Events beat Nelson Meyer and Ung in an offensive duel that one parent described as: "imagine everyone hitting homers or triples, walking, stealing, scoring in nearly every inning. Imagine miraculous leaping catches. Just use your imagination. These players were into it." Events' Lesley Fields strutted her stuff from the opening bell, clouting a home run in the first inning. And Jennifer Lindner showed they had the defense to back it up as she threw out an NMU would-be thief of third. But NMU's Soonthone Vayakone walked or hit each at bat, and then stole all the bases, as she proved that her speed was her deed, and Anna Smally belted a three-run homer to the fence in the third.

Events' Shana Hill responded with a clutch sacrifice fly to deep center to bring in Merritt Hickman, but NMU relied on Caroline Fowler's smooth work at second to keep the runners honest and Smally and Sarah Carlson pitched themselves out of trouble in the later innings—that is, until Events' Tara Stearns blew it out with a two run triple in the last inning. NMU could not mount enough of an assault to answer, and Events ended victoriously, 17-15. The league should consider keeping oxygen tanks at the ready for over-worked spectators.

PALS won a wild one, 19-10, as home team Red Oak Realty gave away too much, too soon. Probably no defense that day could have

stopped PALS' Rebekka she blasted her way into the sky and into the stands. She set the tone of the first inning homer (and mates followed with eight). Having stunned Red Oak prowess, she came back on to singlehandedly fill the hole and fired to Vanessa Sinai at first. She displayed pure heart with sive effort—playing the novice, she showed the takes. (Update: In this PAL's Molly Berger slings and arrows of and held on to the ball, but unbowed base brawls

I am wounded
But I am not slain.
I shall lay me down
while
Then I shall rise and

Roundup

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for the Gauchos. "Give Graggs credit," said Berkeley coach Mike Trainor. "He did a great job, he shut us down. When you have two on and no one out and don't score in innings, you're not going to win. But El Cerrito outplayed us. They deserved to win."

Berkeley

Berkeley's hitting woes continued last Thursday in a 13-2 loss at Ygnacio Valley. The Yellowjackets got doubles by Reggie Santa Cruz and Connors-Copeland and nothing else from pitchers Mike Miller and Erik Pittan while the hosts bombed Berkeley for 13 hits, getting five third-inning runs and four sixth-frame tallies.

In nine Thursday games, all losses, Berkeley (6-15, 2-10 in league play) has been outscored 106-37, dropping all but two contests by five runs or more. The Yellowjackets finish their season at Pinole Valley, playing the Spartans in a 3:45 p.m. contest.

Though Berkeley's loss Thursday was disappointing, El Cerrito's

Track

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champion and it is the team's goal to make that three in a row.

"We ran great, better than my expectations," said St. Mary's head coach Jay Lawson. "Our goal in February was winning the league and now our goal is winning North Coast. We're a very team-oriented team, even in the invitationals. Definitely it is important for us as a team to be the (NCS) section champion."

The top four in each event at the league championships goes on to North Coast. The Panthers not only won events, they blanketed them with top-four finishers and qualified just about everyone.

Doug Boyd led a contingency of Panther runners in the 400-meter race, capturing the league title in 49.10. Panther teammate Marlon Monroe second in 49.70, while O'Dowd's Alan Villea was third in 51.80 and St. Mary's runner Andrew Smyth placed fourth in 52.10 for the final NCS slot.

Smyth may not get to run in the 400 at North Coast, having the unfortunate fate of a runoff against Branch, who pleaded hardship because of his pulled hamstring. The hardship status enabled Branch to miss the meet

9-4 home loss to Bay Valley Athletic League champion De La Salle was downright heartwrenching. The Gauchos led 3-2 after four frames before the visitors rallied for one in the fifth and six in the sixth innings to win going away.

Pat Walsh's double drove in Andy Nicholson with the tying run in the fifth and in the sixth, Alli Abrew singled in the go-ahead tally off starter Mike Scott and reliever Joey Varela walked three straight hitters for another run. Later in the inning, a pair of errors and a Brent Bianchina RBI hit led to De La Salle's final scoring.

"We had a bad inning and that was all she wrote," said Abel of the De La Salle loss.

"It's fun to be in every game, but every mistake gets magnified."

Nicholson and Abrew had two hits each to lead De La Salle's 10-hit attack. El Cerrito got two hits by Ross and Rose and had three by Pearce and Mike Hughes, but nonetheless fell to 13-9 overall, 6-6 in the BVAL. The Gauchos finish their season at Antioch in a 3:45 p.m. tilt.

and try to qualify against the fourth-place runner, which was Smyth.

Boyd also won the 200-meter dash in 22.20 and Monroe was third in 22.60 to qualify for NCS.

Jonevan Hornsby broke coach Jay Lawson's 800 meter record a week earlier at the Meet of Champions in Sacramento and on Saturday the Panther sophomore broke his own school record by racing to victory in 1:54.

The race was exciting from start to finish as Hornsby, Piedmont's Josh Rogin and Chris Wong and St. Mary's Chris Loh battled it out through two laps around the track.

Hornsby pulled away on the final turn win by a second, followed by Rogin in second place in 1:55 and Loh in third at 1:56. Wong finished in 1:59 for fourth place and the final NCS berth.

"It was like I was going off the crowd in this race," said Hornsby. "My goal (this season) was just to go under two minutes. Now it's to go to state and to get to finals if I can."

St. Mary's won three of the top four spots in the 110 high hurdles. Anthony Montgomery won the race in 14.60 and was pushed to excel by teammate Brandon Cober, who came in second at 14.80.

Lacrosse

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stayed with the program until spring break, when a majority of the juniors left to attend to SAT's, grades and other functions of getting into college.

"That's the bulk of my team," said Nelson of the juniors. "I had six freshmen, two sophomores and the rest seniors. Hopefully we are going to be varsity next year. It's a struggle between me and my team and what they want to do."

Because the team had a club status and it was the first year, Nelson did not make any cuts. Going varsity would mean pairing the team down to a more manageable size and allowing the players recognition through the school.

"It comes with getting letters," said Nelson of going varsity. "With recognition from the school they get more respect. They are a real team. I think it would be great to see my girls get varsity."

One problem about going varsity is the lack of teams in the Bay Valley Athletic League; there are none except Berkeley. The Berkeley boys have the same problem, but there are enough teams in the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association to make up a league for them.

The closest girls' team to Berkeley and one that brought a sorority-like feeling to the players was Bishop O'Dowd. Although Berkeley and O'Dowd are rivals on the field, they are friends off the field.

"A lot of the Berkeley girls really bonded with the O'Dowd girls," said Nelson. "They would watch each other play. You don't want personal rivalry, you want team rivalry. They

cheered for each other and that was good."

Berkeley and O'Dowd played four times during the regular season. The Yellowjackets found they were up against tough competition from the Dragons, a team that finished 8-4 in only its second year and had a victory over the Stanford B team.

Berkeley lost its first nine games of this initial season, including three to O'Dowd, and the team entered the final tournament at Kleeberger winless at 0-9. The Yellowjackets played the Dragons in the opener and recorded their first win 5-4.

"It was the first game we won and even better that it was O'Dowd," said Nelson. "Berkeley High was at it for three months. I'm really proud of them. They had so much determination. We had the mental drive for it. This was our last game and we were going to do it."

Berkeley went up 4-2 at halftime and huddled together to talk about the game. "We pulled the team together at halftime and asked them what they thought and they said let's go for it," said Nelson.

The Yellowjackets won the game and later in the day played Robert Louis Stevenson. Berkeley won 7-2 to end the season at 2-9 on a positive note.

"I'm just glad that as a team they looked much better," said Nelson of her neonate squad. "I think they are going to be so good next year. A lot of them will be in the summer leagues. Some of the freshmen on the team

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2030
The following person is doing business as Sandy McCall Golf Centers, 361 Montecito Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.
Paul E. Valley, 361 Montecito Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 30, 1993.
Publish The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2207
The following person is doing business as Tanager Co., 1684 Locust St #228, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Bee Bee Tan, 1684 Locust St #228, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 6, 1993.
Publish The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2645
The following person is doing business as Marine Instruments, 1405 S. 58th, Richmond, CA 94804.
John Andrew Mische, 1405 S. 58th St., Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1993.
Publish The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2130
The following person is doing business as Nutri-High, #250 190 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Anthony H. Chao, 666 39th St., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 2, 1993.
Publish The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2355
The following persons are doing business as Katarina Ya Ramen, 10546 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Chooi Yuen Tet, 1421 Liberty Street, Apt 2, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2070
The following person is doing business as Diablo Valley Insurance Concepts, 1028 Grayson Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Luzmila Axionoff, 1028 Grayson Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 31, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2081
The following persons are doing business as South America Metal Exports, 4286 Arthur Rd, Martinez, CA 94553.
Cesar Samuel Anas, 56 Patton St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 31, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2314
The following persons are doing business as Red Apple (Small-Home Daycare), 476 Mount St., Richmond, CA 94805.
Janet Yukiko Miura, 476 Mount St., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1993.
Publish The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2314
The following person is doing business as Para dese Financial, 1972 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Howard Elaine Barnes, 2457 Fisher St., San Pablo, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2266
The following person is doing business as Anderson Associates, 772 Solana Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Deborah Anderson, 772 Solana Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2261
The following persons are doing business as Levy Ignacio's Martial Arts Academy, 559 Garcia Ave., Suite C, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
John A. Quares, 846 Birchwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2249
The following person is doing business as Bay Court Schools, 3901 La Colina Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Rudolph N. Webbe, 3901 La Colina Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2415
The following persons are doing business as Armadio Pizzeria, 10180 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Wael A. Majid, 4050 Farway Ave., Oakland, CA 94605.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2449
The following person is doing business as Crystal Art, 2200 Hill Top Mail Rd., Richmond, CA 94806.
David Guarnin Eger, 651 Dartmouth St., San Francisco, CA 94134.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2513
The following person is doing business as Pacific Merchand, 2587 Oak Road B, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Richard K. Moss, 2587 Oak Rd B, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2574
The following person is doing business as F & M & Company, 2570 Cherry Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
F & M Patterson, 2570 Cherry Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2659
The following person is doing business as The Payoff Principle, 1517 Buckeye Court, Pinole, CA 94506.
Jeff Rubin Enterprises, Inc., California, Pinole, 94564.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2660
The following person is doing business as All Star Painting, 2666 Tara Hills Dr., San Pablo, CA 94806.
Steven Salcido, 2666 Tara Hills Dr., San Pablo, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2640
The following person is doing business as Nice Cuts, 361-C Rheem Blvd, Moraga, CA 94555.
Yeu Tran, 1148 Santa Lucia Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2336
The following person is doing business as Accountrix For Hire, P.O. Box 2133, Concord, CA 94521.
Frank P. Natale, 1300 Barbis Way, Concord, CA 94518-1218.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2690
The following person is doing business as Sunstone Farms, 32 Sunset Drive, Kensington, CA 94707.
Suzanna Carlino, 32 Sunset Drive, Kensington, CA 94707.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2797
The following person is doing business as Liberty Apartments, 306 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Ruth Y. Hayashi, 900 Santa Barbara Rd., Berkeley, CA 94707.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2512
The following persons are doing business as Forget-Me-Not-Gifts, 211 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547.
Jeanne Kim Li, 211 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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File No 93-2577
The following person is doing business as Liberty Apartments, 306 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Ruth Y. Hayashi, 900 Santa Barbara Rd., Berkeley, CA 94707.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2675
The following person is doing business as Motion Picture Service Company, 2 Century Components International, 1325 Bent Tree Lane, Concord, CA 94521.
Lung Kwong, 1325 Bent Tree Lane, Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2548
The following person is doing business as Interactive Novelties, 347 W. Bissell Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.
Mark Rudolph Allgeier, 347 W. Bissell Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2230
The following person is doing business as Family Financial 3101 Buchanan Rd #230, Antioch, CA 94509.
P.O. Box 3144, Antioch, CA 94531-3144.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2243
The following person is doing business as Accounting Applications, 3610 Bickelstaff St #9, Lafayette, CA 94550.
John Ellsworth Devry, 3610 Bickelstaff St #9, Lafayette, CA 94550.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2195
The following person is doing business as Mobile Data, 5221 Van Fleet Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Tara L. Heistand, 5221 Van Fleet Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2830
The following person is doing business as Mobile Data, 5221 Van Fleet Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Tara L. Heistand, 5221 Van Fleet Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2816
The following persons are doing business as Minto Design Associates, 1080 Carol Ln., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Kevin D. Minto, 800 Bluerock Dr., Antioch, CA 94509.

This business is conducted by individuals.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 3, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2824
The following persons are doing business as LDI Leasing, 3650 Mt Diablo Blvd #170, Lafayette, CA 94549.
LDI Commercial, California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 4, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2515
The following persons are doing business as Discover Bay Water Ski Center, 1130 Discovery Bay Blvd., Byron, CA 94514.
Ellen M. Albright, 1130 Discovery Bay Blvd., Byron, CA 94514.

This business is conducted by individuals.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2709
The following person is doing business as Hot Spot Soccer, 580 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
William O'Donnell, 1010 Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley, CA 94708.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2797
The following person is doing business as Orthanc Software, 642 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Freeman Ng, 642 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2826
The following person is doing business as Basline Media, 2108 Adams Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.
Jeffrey P. Navin, 165 Basline Way, Alameda, CA 94501.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2686
The following person is doing business as On-site Support 2) Micro Support and Repair, 636 South 8th St., Richmond, CA 94804.
On-site Support Inc., 636 South 8th St., Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No 93-2593
The following person is doing business as More Than A Kerner, 1199 Cambridge Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Mariano Hernandez, 1199 Cambridge Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.

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Adieu to life on the ocean wave

Houseboat dweller says it's time to indulge other love

By Kate Campbell
Special to Hills Newspapers

(This is one of a series of profiles of East Bay neighborhoods.) In 1975, Suzy Navadar saw an ad in a local newspaper's real estate section that captured her imagination. The ad said that for \$12,000 she could buy a houseboat at the Berkeley Marina and have a dozen or so other families who had chosen a life on the water.

With the deal done, shortly thereafter Suzy moved into her 25-foot floating residence and began to get to know the neighbors. Besides the human home owners, she discovered members of a new community included an amazing array of water fowl — handsome gulls, snowy egrets, great blue herons and a wild assortment of migrating ducks.

Although the number of houseboats at the Berkeley Marina is limited to the 12 berths grandfathered into the marina's plan in 1955, Suzy says the bird families pay no attention to municipal ordinances.

Somewhere along the way she adopted a pair of Peking ducks, and as nature would have it, there are now five fluffy, yellow ducklings cruising around with their dotting parents beyond her living room window.

In the 1980s, Suzy met Arun. After they were married and started living aboard, the cozy little houseboat at H dock began to feel cramped.

"I rented water space at the Fifth Avenue boatyard in Oakland and began building another houseboat," Arun recalls. "With the exception of the underlying flotation device, I used typical residential construction."

Once construction was complete, the Nevadars had their new home towed to its Berkeley slip. The old houseboat was sold up the

river to an owner who tied it up at a dock in the delta.

The new 1,650-square-foot houseboat includes dual-paneled windows, extra insulation and plywood sheeting for the walls. Arun said he did not use sheetrock because of its tendency to absorb moisture. Tight construction, however, keeps humidity inside their new home very low.

The master suite on the second floor affords sweeping views of Mount Tamalpais to the west and, at night, the twinkling lights of the East Bay hills.

"We have city sewer service and garbage pickup, PG&E electricity and propane to operate the stove and run the hot water heater," he adds.

The living room features a wood burning stove and large windows facing a quiet lagoon. Upstairs is a large study where Arun is at work finishing his doctoral dissertation in English literature at UC-Berkeley.

Referring to the "For Sale" sign tacked up outside, Suzy says, "This chapter of our life is coming to an end. In a way, I hate to make the change, to leave the serenity of living on the water. But I'm a landscape gardener, and I'm at a point where I look forward to having a garden of my own."

She says she'll miss the feeling of tranquility she gets every time she crosses the University Avenue bridge and heads for the marina. And she wonders what it will feel like to sleep in a house rooted to hard ground.

'With the exception of the underlying flotation device, I used typical residential construction.'

—Arun Navadar
Houseboat dweller

The houseboat's two-story layout includes two bedrooms and two baths, with a formal dining room, Wolf stove in the kitchen and washer and dryer facilities.



Jeff Lindquist

A duck and her ducklings swim by the Nevadars' houseboat.

"I sleep very well down here," she says. "You're always in gentle motion. Of course, it can get exciting in a severe storm, but it's not dangerous."

Unlike other types of housing stock, there is a fairly limited supply of legally permitted houseboats in Northern California. The houseboat community in Berkeley is limited to just 12 berths. There

are a few houseboats in Richmond and other marinas on the east side of the bay, but the biggest concentration is in Sausalito.

The Nevadars say their Berkeley location is ideal because of its access to transportation and shopping. It also provides a great

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Boat

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Berkeley's houseboat community is very closely knit. Neighbors bob up and down together and join in when families need help. Right now they're working to have the community connected to the cable

'One added bonus to owning a houseboat is earthquake safety.'

—Suzy Navadar
Houseboat dweller



The Navadars' dog, Cecil, takes time for a rest on a comfortable rug.

Jeff Lindquist

The Nevadars are asking \$285,000 for their houseboat.

They say that just as a prospective buyer would want to have a house inspected before making a final decision, those interested in buying a houseboat would be wise to have a marine survey done. Costing between \$200 and \$300,

the survey looks at the condition of the flotation system and helps identify any problems that should be corrected or watched.

One added bonus to owning a houseboat, Suzy says, is earth-

quake safety. "I was aboard during the Loma Prieta earthquake," she says. "The water shook like from an agitator and we jerked and bobbed. But most earthquakes we don't even feel. When the water moves, we move with it."

TV system.

When asked about the negative side of living on a houseboat, Suzy mentions frequent window washing because of the salt air, a mandatory litter box in the laundry room for her cats, the lack of a yard for gardening and a place for children to play. She also notes that the chilly afternoon wind and fog make the weather much like San Francisco's.

The Nevadars say financing for a houseboat is somewhat different than for a traditional house. Basically, houseboat owners get a consumer loan, which tends to have higher interest and a shorter term.

They say boat loans currently are about 9 percent. And the monthly cost of owning a houseboat is increased by the monthly berth fee, in their case \$290 a month.

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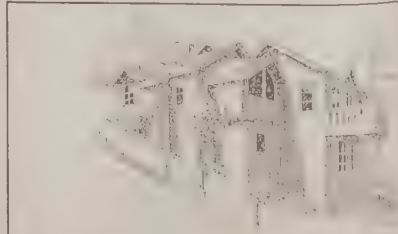
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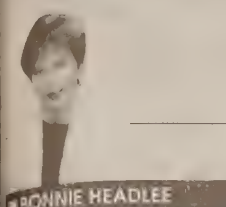
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BONNIE HEADLEE

This is the last of a three-part series on locating, hiring, and working with building contractors.

Once you've checked a contractor's license, bond and insurance, there are still several things to consider before you hire.

Call on references

Always ask for references on similar work the contractor has completed in your area. The con-

tracting field is becoming more specialized, so you'll want a contractor with experience in the specific type of work you're considering.

When talking to references, ask questions such as: Was the project completed on schedule? Were you pleased with the overall results? Did the contractor respond promptly to your concerns and problems?

Ask the contractor if he has any pictures of previous work. You can also try to see examples of the contractor's work in person. Nothing beats an on-site inspection.

Bid it out

Most consumer agencies advise you to get two or three bids on any project. But don't automatically accept the lowest bid. Make sure all bids are based on the same set of specifications so you can com-

pare apples to apples.

Discuss the bid in detail with each contractor to determine if something was overlooked or misunderstood. You may find that the higher bid includes better quality materials or more extensive work, and that it's well worth the higher price.

The bidding process also gives you the opportunity to meet different contractors and decide how comfortable you feel with each one. It's helpful if you hire a contractor you can easily communicate with, and whom you trust.

Plan for inconveniences

Will you need to cover your furniture? Remove your pets? Will your power be turned off or your appliances be disconnected?

One homeowner who was having major remodeling done came home on a cold February day

with two preschoolers in tow. The contractor informed her that he had to disconnect the washer and dryer. "That's fine," she said. "When will they be reconnected?" The contractor's reply was, "Oh, around mid-June."

She was understandably upset that he was so cavalier about leaving her family without laundry facilities for four months. The point is, it's best to talk to your tradesperson in advance about inconveniences involved with your project; then you can easily plan around them.

Complete the contract

Always get your agreement in writing! The contract should include the name, address, license number and phone number of the contractor. Make sure it has a complete description of the job, with any plans, drawings, or sket-

ches attached.

The description should also include the materials to be used, a time schedule for completion, a statement of bonds which will be furnished, any guarantees that were made verbally, cleanup and debris removal arrangements, payment terms, and the total cost of the project.

It should also state who is responsible for obtaining necessary permits, and that all work will be in accordance with local building codes. Be sure you understand everything in the contract before you sign. Keep your copy in an ongoing project file for future reference.

Think again

State law allows you a three-day period to change your mind and cancel the contract if it was solicited outside of the contractor's

place of business.

If you have any reservations, don't be afraid to cancel the contract! It's best to do this in writing, sent via registered mail.

Write up changes

All changes to the original contract should be written on a change order and include any adjustments to the total price of the job. Keep your copy in your project file for future reference.

If a dispute arises, you should always talk it over with the tradesperson involved.

(Bonnie Headlee is director of The Trades Guild, a free East Bay referral service for locating contractors. For a free booklet on "Hints for Hiring a Tradesperson" call 54-REFER Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon.)

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Family decides to say 'no' to purchase of real fixer-upper

Number 11 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

They wanted a bargain. They wanted a house they could work on and make worth more — fast. They had acquired a list of foreclosure properties from a secret source and hoped that one of them would be a real deal.

There was very little time. Ten days to be precise. Their house had already sold and they needed to be out. They were on the moving company schedule but no one knew yet where to deliver their belongings.

The original idea had been to sell their house, then rent and think about the next move. They'd looked at lots of rentals but with two kids, two cars and a grand piano, renting was going to be expensive, and lately they'd been feeling they sure didn't want to pound that rent money down a rat hole.

They had only looked at one house on the foreclosure list so far, and the husband was excited about it. He asked if we'd go look at the house and tell him if we thought it was a good deal.

We got there in the rain. The roof was leaking. Someone had already gone broke on this project. There were holes in the subfloor, no kitchen counters, wiring stubbed in but unconnected. The bathrooms had walls but otherwise were empty. Even if unfinished parts were completed, the floor plan would still be odd.

We were agast. How could a family and all their possessions, people used to a certain amount of luxury, camp in this unfinished space 10 days from now?

The site was steep with perhaps 30 stairs up to the house, and much of the dirt seemed to be held

temporarily in place with plywood panels and posts. Parking was on the street. Everything going to or coming from the house had to get there by way of the front steps.

But it was cheap. The cheapest house in the area. How much would it cost to make it a real house? What would it be worth then? If this family could somehow live in the house while they worked on it, would it make them money?

'But it was ... the cheapest house in the area.'

We looked at sales in the area, roughly estimated what it would cost to finish the house, talked about its major flaws (the steep site, stairs, and lack of parking) and how they would affect resale.

This is not an exact science. It's guesswork. But there was enough evidence to easily convince us that there simply wasn't "enough room" in the deal.

The husband was having fun thinking about what kind of counters he'd put in the kitchen. He hadn't noticed the dirt in the front yard being held up by plywood. He wanted to work on this house, put his touches on it, make it pay off.



But he was able to listen. We compared fix-up numbers. How much could this house sell for when done? It wasn't enough. He was the one to say, *It doesn't make sense.*

He turned back to his list of bank foreclosures. He thought he had inside information but we quickly found that every house on the list was on Multiple Listing and every one had been listed for several months or longer. None of them was selling.

They rented and moved on schedule. They are still looking for the right situation — a bargain that is real.

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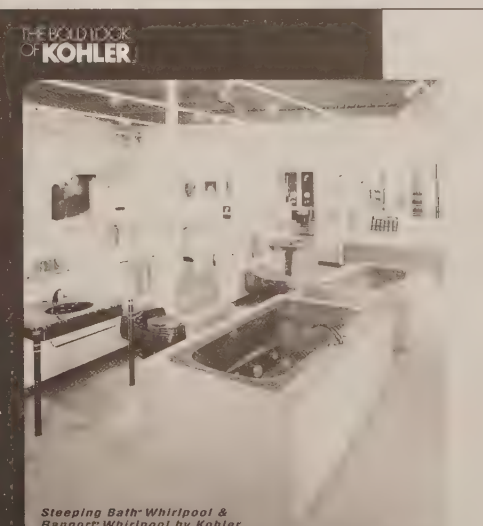


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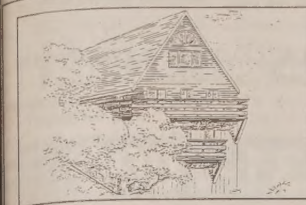
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In today's investment real estate market, it doesn't make sense to sell an investment property outright and later buy another replacement property.

Doing so allows Uncle Sam to take 28 percent of your gain on the sale and leave you with a lot less money to put down on your next investment (probably necessitating a much smaller purchase).

1031 exchange

Instead, investors should make use of a tax-deferred exchange (section 1031 of the IRC) whereby no taxes are due on the transaction and which allows the investor more equity in the next acquisition.

The new regulations (1991) on exchanges of real estate are so favorable that many tax experts call them the best news for commercial-investment property in several years.

The majority of transactions involving the exchanging of real estate investment properties are delayed exchanges as opposed to simultaneous exchanges.

Generally, this is due to the difficulty in arranging a sale of the property by the time the relinquished property closes escrow.

Assuming it is a delayed exchange, it will be subject to a comprehensive set of regulations or "safe harbors" enacted in



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mid-1991 which, if followed, won't trigger or be questioned in an IRS audit.

'Safe harbors'

Familiarity with these regulations is critical to a successful 1031 exchange. The "safe harbors" include:

- Identification of the taxpayer's trade-up property;
- Using a qualified intermediary and qualified escrow account or trust;
- The exchanger's ability to receive interest from the escrow account;
- And a guarantee (i.e., deed of trust, standby letter of credit, or guarantee of a third party) that the buyer or intermediary complete the deferred exchange.

From the date of transfer of the relinquished ("sale") property, taxpayers have 45 days to identify a replacement property and a total of 180 days to acquire it.

The property or properties must be unambiguously described in a written document or agreement. Generally this is done by a legal description, street address, or distinguishable name (e.g., the Baytown Apartment Building).

The three tests

The regulations limit the number of replacement properties which can be identified. It is not necessary to acquire all the properties you identify, but it is essential that you meet one of the following three tests:

(1) The "three property rule" which says you may identify three properties no matter what their fair market value.

(2) The "200 percent rule" allows identification of any number of properties as long as their aggregate fair market value does not exceed 200 percent of the value of all relinquished properties by the taxpayer.

(3) The "95 percent rule" which permits the identification of any number of properties no matter what their fair market value provided the taxpayer receives identified replacement property the fair market value of which is at least 95 percent of the total fair market value of all the identified replacement properties.

At the closing of the taxpayer's property, the property will transfer from the taxpayer to a qualified intermediary to the buyer.

At the closing of the replacement property, the intermediary will use the funds in escrow to acquire the replacement property and transfer it to the taxpayer.

(A qualified intermediary is defined as a person who acts to facilitate a deferred exchange by entering into an agreement with the taxpayer for the exchange of properties. A qualified intermediary and qualified escrow holder cannot be the exchanger or the exchanger's relative, broker, attorney or accountant.)

Cash in escrow

In regard to the cash held by the qualified escrow account or qualified trust, the taxpayer or exchanger cannot receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the cash held in escrow. To do so would invalidate the exchange. He can, however, receive the interest on the funds held (at close) without voiding the entire 1031 exchange.

To continue to build wealth by investing in real estate, the smart investor will make use of the 1031 exchange and the advantages inherent in tax-free transactions.

The wise investor will also consult with his or her accountant or tax attorney to make certain the transaction is free from tax liability.

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A gardenful of roses provides a fine backdrop for this 'Pending Sale' on Waterhouse in Oakland. Rose lovers mark your calendars for an upcoming presentation at UC Botanical Gardens by S.F. Chronicle columnist Rayford Reddell. Entitled "Full Bloom," the program on Sunday, June 6, 1-3:30 p.m., tells how to get the best from your roses. It is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Call (510) 642-3343 for more information.

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575 COUNTRY ISLE ... SO YOU WANT THE FINEST! Is living near school important to you? How about 4 bedrooms including a master suite that must be seen! This 12-year-old home built by Ponderosa is on a lovely corner lot and Crown Beach is just a stroll away. No dues ... no association fees ... you make the rules ... Bargain! Bargain! ... Don't hesitate, call now!



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Events

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The seminar is free to OAR members \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is recommended. Call (510) 836-3000.

The Berkeley Design Center, 3195 Adeline St. presents an admission-free Home Show on Sat., May 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., May 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendees can meet with exhibitors of this reconstruction and home improvement fair. Call 652-6064 for more information.

On Sat., May 22 and Sun., May 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Building Education Center presents "Home Repair and Improvement," a guide to simple home repairs for renters, home owners, and beginning handy persons.

The center is located at 812 Page St., Berkeley. The course costs \$180. Call 525-7610 for more information on this and other

classes.

The Phoenix Journal is sponsoring the second tour of rebuilt houses in the fire area on May 22 and 23. This will be an expanded version of the first tour held in December and will include both owner-occupied homes and houses on the market.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 and allow admission to all homes both days. Call the Phoenix Journal at 339-6632 for tickets and program information.

On Sunday, May 23, 1-4 p.m.,

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The tour begins at the Peralta Home (Ala. 561 Lafayette Ave., 100 one-block west of E. 14th St.). Visitors are also encouraged to wear vintage clothing.

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CHARM + STYLE IN MAXWELL PARK! Spanish style 2BD, hardwood floors, great Mediterranean style patio w/ large yard, garage. Kate Phillips 530-8211

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MAXWELL PARK cottage on large lot! Cute 2BD with room to add on, full basement, great location! Kate Phillips 530-8211

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160 OAK ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA\$479,000
6208 HARWOOD AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 5BD/3BA\$489,000
4309 CHAMBERLIN COURT, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3BA\$435,900
5651 COLBOURN PLACE, HILLCREST ESTATES - 3BD/2BA\$434,000
5125 CROCKETT PLACE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3BA\$429,000
2355 PELHAM PLACE, PIEDMONT PINES - 3BD/2+BA\$399,000
1841 CARTER STREET, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA\$365,000
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SWEEPING CANYON VIEWS\$529,000
Four year old Ridgemont home, 4BD/3BA, family room, custom window coverings, huge master suite with sitting area, bay view from front. Robyn Mohr

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GRACIOUS MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY\$397,000
Reduced! 4BD/2+BA, spacious formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with adjacent deck for barbecue, rec room, 3 fireplaces, 2-car garage, large storage shed. Wendy Gardner

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RARE ROCKRIDGE DUPLEX\$284,000
Perfect for owner/occupant. One 1BD/1.5BA; one 1BD/1BA. Flexible floor plan for use as office. Great location near BART, shops and restaurants. Charlene Claybaugh

MONTCLAIR HILLS CONTEMPORARY\$280,000
Well-maintained home with excellent floor plan. 3BD/2BA including master suite, updated kitchen, private deck and patio. Rosalie Woods

SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE\$212,000
Tranquil hillside living with an easy commute! Quiet cul-de-sac location, 3BD/2+BA, spacious outdoor living with private back yard and patio, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr

339-6460



In today's 'calmer' market, you need more from agent

If your last contact with the real estate market was in the late '80s, you may have some adjusting to do. Before 1990, property in the Bay Area was appreciating so fast that your new home was worth more by the time you closed escrow than it was when you made the offer.

All you had to do in order to sell a house, any house, was to put up a "For Sale" sign on the front lawn. You got to the point where astute market intelligence seemed to consist of convincing people to sell or buy whenever they could, and often as they could. Everyone made money — sellers, buyers and real estate agents. "Getting a foot in the door" of a vastly improving market was key.

The main qualities a buyer needed in a Realtor were the knowledge of what was new on the market and the flexibility to

jump on it fast. It helped if your agent also had an intuitive knowledge of what was the *lowest* ridiculously high price you could get away with offering in order to beat the other five families that were bidding on "your" house.

As a seller, the basic quality you wanted in your agent was to be able to accurately gauge what was the *highest* ridiculously high price you could put on your property to be sure of getting multiple offers and having your home be the object of a bidding war. It was a phenomenon known as "feeding frenzy."

The competition to Buy, Buy, Buy was so intense during the late '80s that 1) the Multiple Listing Book, a weekly compilation of property on the market, became almost useless because virtually every property sold before even making it into the book; 2) buyers

had little power to negotiate and were looked down on by sellers (and, unfortunately, by many agents) and sellers could be rapacious if so inclined; 3) negotiation was unheard of — the seller simply walked away with the winnings and if you didn't like it as a buyer you could be replaced; 4) there was no such thing as a "Price Reduction."

In today's slower, calmer marketplace, what you need in an agent has also changed. I have made my own unofficial but probably representative survey of the qualities today's buyers and sellers find most important.

Some of the old standbys, such as trustworthiness and financial savvy, are still high on the list, but you'll find some surprising new additions.

Intuition: A great agent has a sixth sense about what you *really* want and whether you're *really*

ready to move, financially and emotionally. He knows instinctively when to encourage you to act and when to stand back and let you make your own decision without his opinion.

Trustworthiness: A home purchase or sale is often the largest amount of money you have ever spent. A great agent is going to be doing real estate for a long time and is invested in you, not in a particular sale.

Caring: A great agent cares about you even after escrow closes. Not that you're necessarily friends for life, but you're treated with respect, as if you were a valued friend. She is supportive when your fears are reasonable and reassuring when they are not.

Financial intelligence: No one has a crystal ball, but a great agent keeps up on trends and has an accurate sense of what's a good buy, and even more importantly, what's

not. Since property is obviously the *raison d'être* of real estate, he must be familiar with properties and prices in the area and be able to tell you about ones in which you might be interested.

Sensitivity: Buying or selling a house is not simply a transaction. Whether it's a first or later purchase, it usually means a major change in lifestyle that's bound to carry its own load of anxiety. All kinds of issues are raised — for you, your mate, your family. A great agent is part social worker, part marriage counselor, part financial advisor, part psychic.

Negotiating skills: A great agent is absolutely goal-oriented in representing you throughout the transaction and has excellent judgment about when to stand firm and when to yield. In negotiations a small loss can lead to a large gain and vice versa, so a great agent must be able to think quickly and logically at the same time.

Knowledge of the business: Even though an agent usually can't represent herself as an "expert" carpenter, geologist, structural engineer or legal or financial advisor, an overview of all these fields and more is necessary in today's market. A great agent is also a continuing information resource for everything from loans to nursery schools to home repairs.

Sense of perspective: In evaluating a potential purchase, some



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symptoms mean inoperable cancer and some only signify a sore throat. A great agent perceives and explains the difference, whether it's something to do with the neighborhood traffic patterns or the building inspection reports.

Flexibility/Availability: A great agent is a full-time agent. He is flexible in terms of hours, able to meet or talk at odd hours of the day or night if necessary. At the same time he has to be able to set clear limits and take time to rejuvenate, or you will not be able to count on his sanity, much less his undivided attention to your needs.

Energy/Sense of Humor: The truly great agent has vast amounts of energy and is usually in a good mood. She enjoys doing real estate most of the time and enjoys working with you.

(Andrea Land is co-founder and officer of Thornwall Properties, Inc., Berkeley. Anyone with ideas for articles or other comments may reach Land at (510) 644-2325.)

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- 124 LEXFORD ROAD: MARION SCHWARTZ \$1,395,000
Perfect for an active family! Situated on two landscaped lots. Three-bridge view, tennis court, 5/5's, family room, rumpus. Very private.
- 40 INVERLEITH TERRACE: MARION SCHWARTZ \$895,000
Spacious, architect-designed family home. 4 BR, incl. in-law. Bay view.
- 42 HIGHLAND AVENUE: MARION SCHWARTZ \$749,500
Bright & cheerful Traditional. 4+3/4, including master suite and separate pair. Rumpus, library, playroom & office. Sunny garden with pool.
- 226 BONITA AVENUE: DONALD GRUBB, JR. \$689,500
Gracious Traditional. Elegant master suite. Spacious kitchen. Family room.
- 472 MOUNTAIN AVENUE: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$545,000
Great location! Close to schools. 4/2 1/2, study, playroom. Swimming pool.
- 438 PALA AVENUE: DONALD GRUBB, JR. \$519,000
Spectacular views! Prime location! Perfect condition! 3/2 1/2, family room.
- 135 KINGSTON AVENUE: JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY \$439,000
Just listed! Gardener's delight! Sunny 3/2 Bungalow. Excellent condition.
- 91 NOVA DRIVE: DONALD GRUBB, JR. \$379,500
New Piedmont exclusive! Comfortable, sunny living room. Level-out to gorgeous garden. Wonderful indoor-outdoor entertaining.
- 118 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE: JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY \$279,000
Charming Traditional. Open floor plan. 2/1, deck off kit. Wonderful garden.

BY APPOINTMENT

- NORMANDY MANSION: ANGELA WEI GRUBB Call for price.
Unmatched elegance and grandeur. One and one-half acre grounds.
- BEAUX ARTS MANSION: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY \$3,450,000
57 living in Piedmont. Exceptionally elegant architect-designed landmark home.
- 415 ALBERT FARR DESIGN: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY \$1,595,000
Magnificent English Normandy Estate on 1/4 acre. 1986 Decorator Showcase.
- BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH TUDOR: SALLY MORRISON \$1,135,000
Exquisitely maintained, handsome detailing. Designed by Carl Warnecke.
- SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME: ANGELA WEI GRUBB \$1,190,000
Elegant all-level home on 1 1/2 landscaped acres. Gorgeous new kitchen.
- GRACIOUS MEDITERRANEAN: JEAN SIMMONS \$1,150,000
Reduced! Stunning family room, 5/3, rec. room with full kitchen. Lovely gardens.
- LOVELY PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$869,000
New! Just! 4 BR/3 BA, den, rumpus. Lovely floors and traditional features.
- STYLISH CONTEMPORARY: JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY \$549,000
Sunny family room with deck 3/3 including beautiful, private master suite.
- GREAT VIEWS: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY Reduced! \$439,500

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- 1100 SKYLINE BLVD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE \$939,000
Perfect for an active family. 1 1/4 acres. 5/5's, family room. Pool & spa.
- 1001 FERNHOFF ROAD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE \$650,000
Colonial Ranch on 1+ acres. 3/2, incl. master suite. Updated eat-in kitchen.
- 1075 FERNHOFF ROAD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE Reduced! \$549,000
Lovely Ranch. Formal living & dining, 3/2, eat-in kitchen w/family room.
- 1101 WEYBRIDGE COURT: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$539,000
Spectacular views! Spacious, open floor plan, 4 BR/3 BA, modern kitchen.
- 1225 BLYTHE WAY: JOHN KARNAY \$469,000
New listing! Gracious family home. 4BR/3BA. Spacious family room. Level yard, pool & sun-drenched patio. Two-car attached garage.
- 1200 OAKMORE ROAD: SUSANNE PAUL \$339,000
Charm galore! 3 bedroom Traditional adjoining canyon hiking trails. Bright, sunny & very private. At the end of a wonderful tree-lined street.
- 1075 EASTLAKE AVENUE: KAREN STARR \$319,500
Enjoy fabulous four-bridge views from this sunny 3 BR/2 BA family home. Sun-filled rooms, lovely wood floors, rose garden. Must see!
- 1000 HEARTWOOD DRIVE: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$269,000
Master 2 bedroom charmer! Hardwood floors, beamed ceiling. Move right in!
- 1000 HADDON ROAD: ANGELA WEI GRUBB \$259,000
Gorgeous living and dining. 3+2. Master BR w/FP & view. Artist's studio.
- 1001 WISCONSIN STREET: CHERYL KNICKERBOCKER \$235,000
Charming Spanish Mediterranean. Sunny & light. Random plank floors.
- 1001 KINGSLAND AVENUE: ANGELA WEI GRUBB \$169,000
Beautifully renovated! 2/1, room for workshop. Very light & sunny. Great yard.

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- METROPOLITAN FLAIR: DARRAN ROSS \$675,000
Fantastic new construction. Designed by a renowned SF Architect. 3+1/3 plus study.
- LOVELY CHARM! MINT CONDITION: SUSAN VEIT \$449,000
Lovely Country home on cul-de-sac. Lg. eat-in kit., 4 BR, rumpus. Level garden.
- LOVELY CUSTOM RANCH: SUSAN VEIT \$398,000
Great, gorgeous setting. S. Bay view. 3/2, family room. Extra lg. level lot.
- PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY: L. MCCLAIN/D. WOOLHOUSE \$395,000
Price slashed! 3/2, incl. spacious master BR. Den/study w/FP. 3-car garage.
- SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN: KAREN STARR Reduced! \$269,000
Spacious and sunlit, 3 1/2, large formal dining room. Beautiful detail.
- IMMACULATE TRADITIONAL: SALLY MORRISON Reduced! \$245,000
Bright & well-maintained. Remodeled kitchen, 3 BR. Private garden. Great location.
- NESTLED IN THE HILLS: SALLY MORRISON \$235,000
Sunny Contemporary in beautiful condition. Updated kitchen. Deck & solarium.
- BRIGHT & BRIGHT: SUSAN VEIT Reduced! \$179,000
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- PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT KAY GRUBB \$1,243,000
Sourcing ceilings and sensational bridge views from this 5 bedroom, 4 bath home with a library, formal dining room, many built-ins and much more.
- COMMANDING BAY VIEW JINI KELLEY \$1,075,000
This custom traditional is great for entertaining. Featuring a wrap-around decks, wet-bar, den, fireplace, family room, pool, & spa. Take the elevator or stairs to the spacious living room.
- CAPTIVATING VIEWS PAM THOMPSON \$850,000
Of Oakland, S.F. and the Golden Gate. This is a warm and inviting 4+ bedroom, 3 bath home remodeled impeccably with many custom amenities throughout.

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- SNUG HARBOR PHYLLIS RAYMOND \$1,125,000
Bask in luxury and Mediterranean style in this 4 bedroom, 6 bath estate home with wine cellar, greenhouse and in-law apartment. Includes expansive tile terraces, patio and gardens.
- PRIVATE KENSINGTON HILLS ESTATE J.R. LONG & W. KASHIWA \$1,075,000
Brand new contemporary nestled in a private forest of trees. Unique design features throughout. Separate office/studio once the practice studio for a famous Bay Area Rock-n-roll band... but who?
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE JEWEL NANCY WELK \$880,000
With 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths, huge living room, formal dining room, country kitchen, bay view & garden w/patio this home is great for entertaining & family living.
- MAGNIFICENT COLONIAL SUSIE MCGLYNN \$650,000
Exquisite detailing with a knotty pine paneled den, rumpus room, sewing room and spacious yard with patio for entertaining. A terrific family home in desirable Piedmont Pines.
- PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY J.R. LONG & W. KASHIWA \$490,000
4 bedrooms, 3+ baths one year new! Approximately 3,400 sq. ft. with office, family room, multiple decks and wooded views from this cute, Cape Cod Contemporary.
- ABSOLUTE PERFECTION KAY GRUBB \$449,000
This home-like condo located in one of Oakland's landmark buildings - The Bellevue States offers 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, dining room & full lake view.
- INCREDIBLE BAY VIEW AND LEVEL YARD HAL CASTLE \$379,000
Enjoy panoramic views from Sausalito to the South Bay from this 5 bedroom, 2 bath home in one of Oakland's nicest areas. There is a level yard and spa, too.
- HILLER HIGHLANDS NEW CONSTRUCTION OLLIE HAMMER \$70,000 to \$379,000
Panoramic views from this exclusive neighborhood. Floor plans include lofts and upgrades. Many units are near completion and view or non-view lots are still available for purchase.
- NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING HAL CASTLE \$379,000
Renewed and stunning this tradition 4 bedroom, 3 bath home offers a au-pair suite, formal dining room in a level setting. Near all conveniences and good schools.
- DIMOND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ARNOLD MUELLER \$375,000
Sunny & spacious craftsman duplex with Victorian charm. 4 Bedroom, 1+ bath owner's unit w/bay window, formal DR and storage with a spacious rental unit.
- GLORIOUS SUNSETS MARY JANE McCONVILLE \$339,000
Feast on the expansive views from this 3 bedroom, 2 bath charmer ideally located near Montclair Village with a sunny back yard & family room. A perfect family environment.
- TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD HAL CASTLE \$339,000
Sidewalks, level yard in traditional style compliment this new home on the market. 3 bedrooms, family room, level patio with barbecue in Piedmont Pines near shopping & transportation.
- TWO-BRIDGE VIEW J.R. LONG & W. KASHIWA \$329,900
Perfect family home with 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths, family room and deck with panoramic bay views. Updated kitchen and baths, formal dining room & office too.
- GREAT LOCATION - REDUCED PRICE F. DOLMAGE HEATH \$315,000
Walk to the village from this 2+ bedrooms, 2 bath home with open tree & canyon views from the deck. Enjoy the fireplace in the spacious living room with beam ceilings.
- TRADITIONAL STYLE HAL CASTLE \$299,000
Piedmont Pines on the sunny side of the street. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, huge family room, den/office, enclosed rear yard & fruit trees.
- GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD MARY JANE McCONVILLE \$289,000
You'll find lots of charm & character throughout this 4 bedroom, 2 bath Glenview family home. Beautiful view of the neighborhood and hills with a lovely, sunny garden.
- CASTRO VALLEY BEST BUY A. MUELLER/E. SHENK \$275,000
Situated on a private lane, this custom-built property has been meticulously cared for. Hill views and sunshine with e bedrooms, 2 baths, family room and more.
- REMODELED SEQUOIA HILLS HOME TOM WURST \$269,000
From the all new kitchen/family room to the new master bath and everything in between this is a terrific family home in move-in condition. New on the market - it'll go quick.
- ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY PHYLLIS RAYMOND \$249,500
Owned and remodeled by an architect, this stunning 3 bedroom Redwood Heights home offers a custom kitchen and bath. In move-in condition just waiting for you.
- BACK ON THE MARKET PHYLLIS RAYMOND \$249,500
Delightful 2 bedroom, 2 bath home, motivated seller! Includes a large family room, formal dining room, enclosed garden & patio with studio. Move-in condition.
- NEW LISTING - OWNER CARRY HAL CASTLE \$227,000
Montclair home with tranquil park setting, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace and garage. Owner will carry with minimum down - great opportunity!
- MONTCLAIR STARTER VICTOR FIERRO \$225,000
New on the market this home is situated in a wooded setting and has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Oozing with charm this won't last long. Montclair schools and convenience.
- GORGEOUS LAKESHORE HOME MARY JANE McCONVILLE \$219,000
Beautiful old - world craftsmanship with modern amenities and a fabulous view of Lake Merritt and the city lights. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen, sun room & fireplace.
- SEQUOIA HEIGHTS SECRET NANCY TAUSSIG \$211,500
Peace and tranquility from urban cares in this 3 bedroom, 2+ bath townhome. Spacious with a master suite, eat-in kitchen, fireplace & great commute location. Lowest priced unit!
- NEAT TRADITIONAL HAL CASTLE \$209,000
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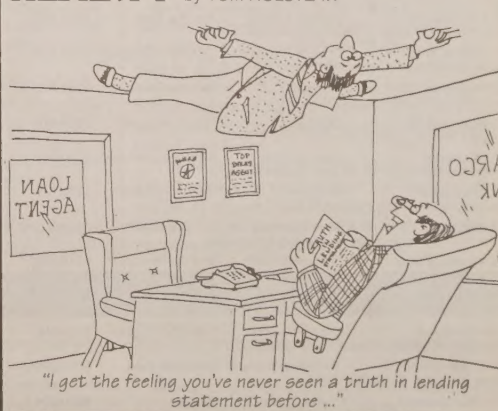
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Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460 OPEN SAT 2-4			
7000 Pinehaven Rd.	First Open	4bd/4+ba View	\$719,000
The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400			
5932 Ostrander Road	Rockridge	7bd/5ba	\$695,000
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460			
3 Contra Costa Pl	Rockridge	4bd/2+ba New!	\$650,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Marshall 339-9290/ 655-6165			
5909 Margarito	Claremont Pines	5+bd/4b New List.	\$619,000
J.T. Ward Realtors, Claire Cunningham 845-6021			
1966 Manzanita Dr.	Montclair	4+bd/2+ba	\$599,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460			
5800 Westover	Montclair	3+bd/3+ba	\$599,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197			
725 Longridge Rd.	Crocker Highlands	5bd/3+ba English	\$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda VanDrent 339-1174			
1054 Sunnyhills	Crocker Highlands	3+bd/2+ba	\$549,000
Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460			
1730 Manzanita Dr.	Montclair	4bd/3ba Reduced!	\$539,000
Better Homes Realty, Carol Davis 339-6160 X216			
2 Moyer Pl.	Montclair	Level-in Tradit.	\$529,000
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400			
6955 Snake	Montclair	3bd/3+ba+Office	\$509,000
Better Homes Realty, Martha Shin 531-8643			
6208 Harwood Ave.	Rockridge	5bd/3ba	\$489,000
Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460			
6110 Ridgemont	Ridgemont	4bd/3b Fam. Rm.	\$479,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
38 Melvin Ct.	\$20K Reduction!	4bd/2+ba Oakmore	\$478,000
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461			
12225 Blythen Way	Wonderful	4bd/3ba Pool	\$469,000
The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400			
6207 Ridgemont	Ridgemont	4bd/3ba Reduced!	\$459,950
Mason-McDuffie, D. Otero 339-8888			
5233 Cochran	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2ba	\$459,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 OPEN SAT 2-4			
5833 Scarborough Dr.	Contemporary	3bd/2+ba Library	\$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymen 339-1174			
6272 Crown Ave.	Montclair	3bd/3ba 3 Frplcs	\$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174			
859 Calmar	Crocker Highlands	4+bd/3+ba Dbl.Lot	\$449,000
Better Homes Realty, Jeanette Roach, 547-1760			
13762 Campus Dr.	Ridgemont	3bd/2b Level Lot	\$439,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
4309 Chamberlin Ct.	Ridgemont	4bd/3ba	\$435,900
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460			
696 Longridge Rd.	Crocker Highlands	5+bd/4b Gorgeous	\$435,000
Mason-McDuffie, Amberson McCulloch 834-2010			
5651 Colburn Place	Hillcrest Estates	3bd/2ba	\$434,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460			
1545 Trestle Glen	Crocker Highlands	4bd/2b 1st Open!	\$429,000
Golden Gate Real Estate, Christina Kekoa 444-6622			
5125 Crockett Place	Montclair	4+bd/3ba	\$429,000
Pacific Union, Wyn Stephens 339-6460			
6809 Colton Blvd.	Montclair	4bd/3ba Move-in	\$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174			
2355 Pelham Place	Piedmont Pines	3bd/2+ba	\$399,000
Pacific Union, Suzanne Linford 339-6460			
561 Haddon Rd.	Haddon Hill	5bd Gem! View	\$399,000
Better Homes Realty, Lois Johnson 530-5650			
4115 Oakmore Rd.	Oakmore	3+bd/3b Fam. Rm.	\$395,000
Better Homes Realty, Patricia Bennett 339-4000			
20 Coolidge Terrace	Lincoln Heights	3bd/3b Pano.View	\$395,000
Mason-McDuffie, A. Shanahan 339-9290			
433 Florence	Rockridge	3bd/2b New List.	\$389,000
Red Oak Realty, Shirley Donovan 527-3387 X-101			
7141 Pinehaven	Montclair	4+bd/2+ba AuPair	\$389,000
Mason-McDuffie, P. Mitchell 339-8888			
13606 Campus Dr.	Price Slashed	3bd/2b Mstr. Bd.	\$385,000
The GRUBB Co., L.M. Woolhouse 339-0400			
11373 Ettrick	Chabot Estates	5bd/2+ba	\$379,000
Prudential Landmark Real Estate 287-9999			
5643 Maxwellton Rd.	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2ba Sunroom	\$379,000
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174			
1873 Brentwood Rd.	Oakmore	3bd/2ba Tradit.	\$375,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
763 Rosemont	Crocker Highlands	3bd/2ba Tudor	\$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymen 339-1174			
30 Eastwood Ct.	Montclair	3bd/2+ba Newer	\$369,000
Mason-McDuffie, H. Converse 339-8888			
1841 Carter St.	Oakmore	3bd/2ba	\$365,000
Pacific Union, Melanie Powers 339-6460			
6620 Colton Blvd.	Montclair	3bd/3ba	\$349,000
Pacific Union, Don Coelho 339-6460			
6645 Gunn Dr.	Montclair	3bd/2+ba Reduced	\$339,500
Better Homes Realty, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401			
2593 El Caminito	Piedmont Pines	4bd/3ba Mint!	\$329,000
Better Homes Realty, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000			
901 Trestle Glen	Crocker Highlands	3+bd/2+ba Reduced	\$329,000
Mason-McDuffie, J. Carter 339-9290			
6869 Oakwood Dr.	Montclair	3bd/3ba Reduced!	\$329,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sharon Ho 869-4220			
48 Kingwood Rd.	Crestmont	3bd/2+ba Lovely	\$325,000
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2995 Burdeck	Joquin Miller	3+bd/3ba Reduced	\$320,000
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514 Fairbanks	Reduced	3bd Immaculate!	\$319,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174			
817 Alvarado	Above Claremont	Grt. Opportunity	\$319,000
Better Homes Realty, Joan Heuse 339-6160 X239			
755 Mandana Blvd.	Craftsman Detail	3bd/1ba Privacy	\$315,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780			
6561 Castle Dr.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$310,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460			
2600 Charlston	Lincoln Heights	3+bd/2ba Custom	\$305,000
Better Homes Realty, Rachel Baller 530-3860			
310 Elysian Fields	Sequoyah Hglds	4bd/2+ba Pool	\$305,000
Mason-McDuffie, B. Dix 339-9290			
4195 Montgomery	Piedmont Ave.	5bd/2ba	\$299,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460			
6020 Harwood	Bungalow	3bd/2ba Charming	\$298,000
J.T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Plattford 845-6021 OPEN 2-4			
10362 Greenview Dr.	Sequoyah Hills	3bd/2ba	\$297,500
Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460			
2812 Alida	Lincoln Heights	+In-law/ Studio	\$295,000
Better Homes Realty, Rachel Baller 530-3860			
1773 Indian Way	Montclair	3b/2b Location!!	\$295,000
Mason-McDuffie, Alice Wick, 834-2010/ 547-0609			
3924 14th Ave.	Glenview	3+bd/2ba Move-in	\$289,900
Better Homes Realty, Michaela Anastasios 339-4000 OPEN SUN 1-4			
4267 Lakeshore	Piedmont Border	3bd/2ba New List.	\$289,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174			
1049 Trestle Glen	Crocker Highlands	3+bd/1+ba	\$289,000
Better Homes Realty, Harriet Schoen 531-2437			

4657 Dolores Ave.	Glenview	4bd/1+ba Reduced!	\$289,000
Pointe Realty, Dianne Sexton 531-1700			
747 Walker	Traditional	4bd/2+ba	\$285,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174			
4230 St. Andrews	Sequoyah Hills	1/3 Acre Retreat	\$279,000
Better Homes Realty, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000			
836 Alma Place	Trestle Glen	3bd/1ba Views!	\$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Linda McClain 834-2010/ 652-2262			
5638 Thornhill Dr.	Montclair	4bd/3ba	\$279,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460			
241 Capricorn	Montclair	3bd/2ba New List.	\$279,000
Better Homes Realty, Helen Nicholas 531-7134			
723 Santa Ray	Move-in Condition	3+bd Remod. Kit.	\$275,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846			
158 Crestmont Dr.	Crestmont	3bd/2ba	\$275,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
4690 Edgewood	Just Reduced!	4bd/2ba Sunny	\$275,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392			
5819 Balboa Dr.	Montclair	2bd/2ba	\$270,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460			
525 Van Buren Rd.	Reduced!	3bd/1+ba Craftsman	\$269,000
The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr, 339-0400			
824 Brooklyn	Traditional	4bd/2ba Charm	\$269,000
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4421 Harbor	Bridge View	3b/2b Level Yard	\$260,000
Mason-McDuffie, Paula Champion 339-9290/869-4207			
59 Sereno Circle	Townhome	2bd/2ba SF view	\$259,000
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651 Rosal	Crocker Highlands	2bd/1ba	\$259,000
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1120 Excelsior	Crocker Highlands	4bd/1+ba	\$259,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460			
907 Warfield	1st Open!	Hi Tech Bungalow	\$255,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536			
4706 Edgewood	Great Location	4bd Family Home	\$255,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 530-8412			
6901 Balsam	Montclair	1bd Serene Haven	\$255,000
Mason-McDuffie, J. Alford 339-8888			
645 Mariposa Ave.	Rose Garden	3bd/2ba Charm	\$250,000
Better Homes Realty, Cathy Moulton 339-4000			
3735 Maple	Upper Laurel	3bd/2ba Move-in	\$249,500
Better Homes Realty, Carol Cohen 531-4218			
8953 Skyline Blvd.	Montclair	2+bd/1b New List.	\$249,000
Better Homes Realty, Sheila Gallagher 339-4000			
732 Mandana	Cape Cod Salt Box	3bd Fireplace	\$249,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846			
4627 Dolores Ave.	Private	3bd Remod. Kit.	\$245,000
The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400			
5963 Chabot Crest	Upper Rockridge	Probate Fixer!	\$239,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174			
4019 La Cresta	Glenview	3bd/1+ba	\$239,000
Better Homes Realty, Carol Cohen 531-4218			
7110 Homewood Dr.	Contemporary	Updated Kitchen	\$235,000
The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400			
3921 Fruitvale	Lincoln Heights	2bd/1ba	\$234,900
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460			
6348 Heather Ridge Way	Piedmont Pines	2bd	\$234,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret, 748-5305			
218 Lee St.	Townhouse	3bd/2+bd Updated	\$229,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174			
4745 Fair	Spanish Bungalow	2bd/2b Spacious	\$229,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna De Bardi 339-1174			
3350 Guido	Redwood Heights	3bd Wonderful	\$229,000
Mason-McDuffie, M. Potmesil 339-9290			
491 42nd St.	Temescal	3bd/2ba	\$229,000
Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460			
127 Frisbie	Piedmont Ave.	3bd/1ba Reduced!	\$228,000
Golden Gate Real Estate, Christina Kekoa 444-6622			
4021 Elston	Glenview	3bd Best Buy!	\$227,500
Better Homes Realty, Marsha Shin 531-8643			
3618 Dorissa Ave.	Well Maintained	3bd/2ba	\$225,000
Mason-McDuffie, Narda Hall 834-2010/ 521-3663			
4051 Maybelle	Laurel	2+bd Cul-de-sac	\$224,500
Better Homes Realty, Dell M. Orr 339-8559			
9 Moss Ave.	Piedmont Ave.	4bd/2ba Attic	\$220,000
Coldwell Banker, Jo-Anne Boisvert 339-1174			
3833 Enos	New Listing!	2bd Updated Kit.	\$219,000
Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653			
607 Chetwood St.	Rose Garden	2bd/1ba	\$219,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460			
9765 Burgos	Oakland Hills	3bd/2ba 2 Frplcs	\$214,500
Mason-McDuffie, E. Richardson 339-9290			
4083 Lincoln	Lincoln Heights	2bd/1ba 1st Open	\$214,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103			
4436 Hyacinth	Redwood Heights	3bd/1ba Starter	\$210,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174			
9040 Sage	Sequoyah Heights	2bd Fireplace	\$209,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Morlett 339-8787			
258 Wayne Ave.	Lake Merritt	2bd/1+ba	\$209,000
Pacific Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460			
6950 Sayre Dr.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$205,000
Pacific Union, Suzanne Linford 339-6460			
7945 Sunkist	Oakland	4bd/2ba	\$199,000
Winters Real Estate, Terry 444-2280			
2303 Wisconsin	Laurel	3bd/1ba Bay View	\$199,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankan 339-1174			
333 Covington St.	Sheffield Village	2bd Garage	\$189,900
REMAX In Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303			
272 Covington St.	Sheffield Village	2bd/1b One Level	\$189,900
REMAX In Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303			
1138 Exchange	Glenview	3+bd/1b Gd.Fixer!	\$189,000
Chang & Hardeman, Ramona 482-3800			
3716 Madrone Ave.	Upper Laurel	2bd/1ba	\$188,450
Owner, 482-1935 OPEN SAT/SUN 2-4:30			
1071 Kuhnle	Leona Heights	3bd/1b New List.	\$185,000
Mason-McDuffie, G.Boomer 339-9290			
834 43rd St.	Temescal	2bd/1ba 1st Open	\$183,500
Coldwell Banker, Jon Quint 339-1174			
534 North St.	North Oakland	2bd/1ba Starter!	\$180,000
Corbett Properties, Kevin M. Corbett 530-4600			
2307 Damuth	Upper Dimond	2bd Built-ins	\$179,900
Mason-McDuffie, Kathy Rose 834-2010/ 532-2586			
361 Adelaide	Remodeled	2+bd/2b Nr.Hwy 13	\$179,000
Mason-McDuffie, D. Scott 339-8888			
5804 Canning St.	North Oakland	1+bd/1ba	\$179,000
Corbett Properties, Kevin M. Corbett 530-4600			
4428 Masterson	Laurel	3bd/2ba	\$179,000
Better Homes Realty, Steven Jong 339-4000			
1216 E. 34th St.	Glenview	3bd/2ba Big Yard	\$179,000
Better Homes Realty, 339-4000			
2730 39th Ave.	New Townhomes	2 Story 2bd/2ba	\$175,000+
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennette 654-6461 OPEN SAT/SUN 2-4:30			
2740 Grant St.	Berkeley	2bd/1ba 2+ Rooms	\$169,500
College Avenue Realty, Steve 945-6008			